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## Keegan and Musgraves win election

BOH, planning board only contests

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

BARRE – A 12.59 percent turn-out or 479 of the 3,804 voters went to the polls Tuesday. They elected Karen Keegan to the Board of Health and Elisha S. Musgraves to a five-year planning board, the only two contests on the ballot.

Karen Keegan with 284 votes (181 precinct 1 and 103 precinct 2) won a three-year term to the board of health over Anthony F. Mobilio with 152 votes (86 precinct 1 and 66 precinct 2). In the only other contest on the ballot, Elisha S. Musgraves with 255 votes (153 precinct 1 and 102 precinct 2) defeated Ralph Hallowell Rogers III with 203 votes (133 precinct 1 and 70 precinct 2) for a five-year term on the planning board.

Total number of absentee ballot for the June 23 town election requested was 137 (81 precinct 1 and 56 precinct 2). One hundred four were cast with 33 not returned. A total of 112 early ballots were cast with 25 not returned.

Unopposed candidates, Joshua E. Benoit, candidate for re-election, received another one-year term as moderator with 396 votes (245 precinct 1 and 151 precinct 2) and Gregory P. O'Sullivan, candidate for re-election, got another three-year term to the board of selectmen with 323 votes (196 precinct 1 and 127 precinct 2). Michael G. Landry, candidate for re-election, got 398 votes (248 precinct 1 and 150 precinct 2) for a three-year term to board of assessors and John J. Pimental Jr., candidate for re-election, received 384 votes (239 precinct 1 and 145 precinct 2) for a three-year term as water commissioner.

Joseph A. Rogowski, candidate for re-election, had 389 votes (242 precinct 1 and 147 precinct 2) for a three-year term as sewer commissioner and Suzanne M. Person, candidate for re-election, got 387 votes (241 precinct 1 and 146 precinct 2) for a five-year term to Barre Housing Authority. Other unopposed candidates were: Lawrence F. Marshall, candidate for re-election.

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## Lions Club continues to serve community



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Barre Lions Club hold informal outdoor meeting June 17. Members practiced social distancing and wore masks where possible.

BARRE – People are all well aware of the unusual times that we are living in. In mid-March, The Governor of Massachusetts asked residents of the Commonwealth to adhere to a unique set of guidelines to attempt to flatten the curve of COVID-19.

Most individuals and communities have cooperated and done a great job these past three months.

As people continue to hunker down, many people are beginning to move about a bit and to feel their way through the new society that they are all a part of. The Commonwealth is beginning Phase 2 of Massachusetts's 4-phase program to re-open the state and its economy.

It was in that spirit that the Barre Lions Club (BLC) decided

to have an informal meeting Wednesday, June 17 in the early evening. Members agreed to "socially distance" and to wear masks where possible. The Barre Lions Club lives by its motto: "We Serve." Unfortunately the BLC has been under the same constraints that all citizens of Massachusetts have been under. Members discussed leadership

issues for the coming year, the annual car show slated for Sept. 12, helping to install lampposts around Nornay Park and a variety of other issues.

It was a first step into a changing world. The BLC expects to continue to serve the Barre Community and hopes that this informal meeting was a first step in these challenging times.

## Selectmen to send letters to town beach abutters

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

OAKHAM – Selectman chair Bradford Taylor said he received a note from the police department that there were more problems at the town beach.

He said town counsel, KP Law, determined the property known as town beach was not transferred and the town owns the beach on Lake Dean. Taylor said no taxes were ever paid by the person, who believes owns it. He said, "It is time to put [the issue] to bed so the police department doesn't get called to straighten out a situation." Selectmen Lucy Tessnau

and Donald Haapakoski agreed. Taylor will have the highway department remove the sign from the tree to allow people in town to use the beach. He will also speak with the parks and recreation committee about the beach. Residents may launch canoes and kayaks from the beach, but not motorboats. Police chief Gehring said abutters should be sent a letter regarding town ownership of the beach and that they should not be interfering with people using the beach.

### Fire department ATV

Fire chief Timothy Howe requested the need for a new ATV for the fire department at

the Monday, June 22 selectmen's meeting. The fire department uses the ATV for areas that other vehicles can't go. It has been used for several rescues in the woods and had a platform on the back for a stretcher. He said he had the money in his budget as interim fire chief Seth Knipe was frugal. The current ATV needs a transmission. Howe said he priced the same model as the current one and quotes ranged from \$13,000 to \$15,000. He said he would like to purchase the same model so equipment on the old one could be used on the new one.

When asked about the trade-in amount, Howe said two dealers

he talked to offered \$500 or \$600. Police chief Fred Gehring suggested the town turn the old ATV over to the police association, who could pay for a transmission. It would be available for a back up vehicle.

Selectmen unanimously approved the transfer of \$9,621.10 from part-time ambulance salary and \$5,920.38 from ambulance training salary for a total of \$15,541.48 subject to finance committee approval. The transfer request will be sent to finance committee for its approval.

**Police department appointments**  
Selectmen approved three-year

appointments for regular part-time police officers effective July 1. They approved one-year appointments for special officers, the matron and administrative assistant. Selectmen opted to hold off on other annual appointments until the next meeting, June 29.

### Other business

Selectmen signed the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) warrant. The ATM will be held Tuesday, June 30 in the fire department section of the municipal building, Barre Road. A Special Town Meeting will be at 6:45 p.m. and the regular town meeting will follow.

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## Hubbardston files MVP application

Board funds town share from its budget

By Ellenor F. Downer  
Staff Writer

HUBBARDSTON – Town administrator Ryan McLane invited representatives from Wesley and Sampson to discuss a water study in the town center.

McLane said at the selectmen meeting June 15 the deadline to file an application for Massachusetts Vulnerability Planning (MVP) application. Town buildings including the library, school and Slade Building rely on one well.

A representative from Wesley and Sampson said the town could take a phased approach. She said the work had to be done within a year. She said the water study would fit nicely with Town Center Project, which will begin in 2022.

The MVP grant required a 25 percent community match that could include in kind services and/or cash. The town's share for an

analysis of drinking water vulnerability in the town center would be \$15,000. The town administrator said the board could authorize the spending from the selectmen's service budget. McLane said legal fees came in lower this year. Another option would be to wait for next year for the grant raise and appropriated at next year's town meeting.

Selectman chair Daniel Galante said that MassWorks and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) want a plan study before approving funding for a project. He said it was nine or ten years ago when the town began a study of the redesign of Route 68 and 62. The other two selectmen, Jeffrey Williams and Kris Pareago present concurred with getting that project started. The board voted to authorize the town administrator to appropriate \$15,000 from this year's budget for town center water study.

### Town meeting logistics

Town administrator McLane discussed the logistics for town meeting on June 23 at Curtis Recreation Field. He said people that were feeling sick should stay home. People must wear masks unless they have a medical condi-

tion that prevents them from wearing a mask. There will extra masks on hand. Police officers will be present. There will be spacing for check in and chairs will be spaced on the grass area of the field where the meeting will be held. Chair Galante said typically he gives a "state of the town" message. This year he will not do that. He said if there is a fall special town meeting, he might do one then.

### School roof

Selectmen and finance committee in a joint Zoom meeting discussed the school roof debt exclusion. The town administrator said there would be information on the school roof debt exclusion on the town website. Information included the reports from the Massachusetts School Building Agency (MSBA) and CSS Architects.

McLane said the MSBA would pay 60 percent and the town would pay the remaining 40 percent. He said he met with UniBank about borrowing \$1.3 million. To borrow the \$1.3 million for 20 years, interest over the course of the loan would be \$500,00 with yearly payment of \$90,000. For the average household, which is based on a

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## Making hay while the sun shines



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

A week of hot sunny, weather has been perfect to make hay. This field in Oakham was mowed and baled last week.

## Hubbardston Library 5K fundraiser goes virtual

HUBBARDSTON – The twenty-third annual Hubbardston Library 5K run/walk, originally scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12, will be held in a "virtual" environment. Any 3.1-mile outdoor course (self-timed) can be used and the actual race course will be marked for those who wish to run/walk the course during the week prior to Sept. 12.

Applications for the event will be available online at the Hubbardston Library website. The registration fee for the fundraising event is \$20. Long sleeve cotton race shirts will be provided to all those who register by Aug. 15. Awards to overall first male/female runner and walker as well as any donated raffle prizes will be distributed.

The Library Trustees have decided not to actively solicit donations for the 2020 race as a recognition of the challenges facing local

See 5K RACE, page 5





# News of the Towns



**Round Town**  
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## Library remains closed

There will be no fines for overdue materials during the time of closure either from the Woods Memorial Library or the C/W MARS libraries. C/W MARS extended due dates to July 1. The library asks patrons to keep borrowed material at home until the library reopens. The book return will remain locked.

### Tax bills

Barre collector Sharon Ashleigh reminds all taxpayers, according to the adoption by the Barre Board of Selectmen of State Bill H4617, tax bills with a due date after March 10, but paid before June 30 will have interest and fees waived. To avoid interest and fees, people should make sure all payments are dropped to the collector's office by 4 p.m. Monday, June 29. Residents may pay online using a credit or debit card (fees apply), ACH transaction online, bank check/money order or cash via USPS mail or by dropping payment in the lockbox located outside the Henry Woods Building. Per state guidelines, the collector's office is still closed to the public at this time.

### Farmers' market

The Barre Farmers' Market is Saturdays at 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common. The farmers' market runs from May to October.

### QRSD meal distribution days

The Quabbin Regional School District Food Service Department is distributing breakfast and lunch for all students in the district, age 18 and under. People do not have to attend a Quabbin school to participate. Distribution takes place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday while school is closed. Grab and Go breakfast and lunch will be distributed from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Hardwick Elementary School and the Quabbin Middle and High School. If parents have difficulty with transportation for food pickup, they may contact the Central Office at 978-355-4668 or email schoolmeals@qrds.org.

### SNAP assistance

Anyone recently laid off due to the coronavirus may call Eileen Clarkson, HS-BCP, CDP, MS, MPA, director of the Barre Senior Center at 774-764-8702 for assistance in applying for the USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

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## Postponements and cancellations due to the coronavirus pandemic

MOC CFCE temporarily suspended playgroups and other family events until at least through June. Governor Baker declared a state of emergency hoping to contain the spread of the coronavirus across the Commonwealth. The Parent Child Plus program will continue to operate with your Early Learning Specialist continuing to visit with enrolled.

Massachusetts 4-H programs, activities and club meeting are cancelled until further notice. This includes advisory councils, fair boards, horse advisories and events. Groups are allowed to meet virtually.

Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., Hubbardston is closed until at least through June. The time for egg delivery on Fridays changed to 10 a.m. to noon. There will be no fresh produce until further notice. People may call the senior center at 978-928-1400, extension 211 with any questions.

All Barre Town Buildings will be closed at least until at least through June to the public, except by appointment and include the Henry Woods Building, Woods Memorial Library, the Council on Aging (senior center), old Town Hall, the public safety building, fire stations and DPW. Please call

an office before visiting in many cases staff is able to assist over the phone or by mail. Meals on Wheels program and wellness checks for seniors will continue.

The town of Hubbardston is closing all town buildings to the public until at least through June. Offices will continue to provide services of the government to residents. The closure will result in the delivery of services remotely. All public safety operations will continue.

Because the safety of auxiliary members is the major concern, all American Legion Post 2Auxiliary functions have been cancelled until further notice. Members will be kept informed as to when meetings will resume.

Wachusett Greenways events are cancelled through June 30. During this time the portable restrooms are removed from the Mass Central Rail Trail to protect from spreading the virus. Please greet others on the trail with a smile or wave as you pass at a good distance. Do not pass closely or draw near to people or pets on the trail.

Massachusetts Wildlife Management Areas are open, fishing is open and trout stocking will continue.

Bay State Equine Rescue (BSER) president Susan Sheridan announced the cancellation of the 5K Run Like the Dickens slated for July 12, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Historically, the race has been very well attended, but the safety and well-being of the runners, supporters and volunteers is the top priority. The race is held at Old Sturbridge Village.

Holden Days scheduled for Aug. 22 has been cancelled. It will return next year Aug. 28, 2021.

Sterling Fair scheduled for Sept. 11-13 has been cancelled. It will return in 2021.

1794 Meetinghouse in New Salem is sad to report that their entire summer season has been canceled due to COVID-19, and the need for continued care and social distancing.

Northampton Community Music Center (NCMC) has made the decision to cancel or postpone all June and July programming. The safety of the community is the first priority at this time. NCMC regrets not being able to provide a program experience for its students and believes it is imperative to limit the transmission of COVID-19 in the community.

## Hubbardston Fair set for June 27

HUBBARDSTON – The Hubbardston Fair will be held Saturday, June 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Curtis Recreation Field, Route 68.

This year the fair will be a little different due to COVID-19. Fair organizers have tried to keep the Hubbardston Fair a family friendly, fun event even with modifications. With the pandemic, there will be no hands on activities or things that everyone touches.

Face masks and social distancing are a must. The public should bring their own camp chairs or picnic blankets - nothing that stakes into the ground due to irrigation system and find a spot on the fields, social distancing of course, to enjoy the music. The band Neon Alley will be

playing for everyone to enjoy this year.

People may purchase food from several food trucks. Vendors include: The DogFather (hotdogs and chili), Giacomo's Gourmet (pulled pork sandwiches, mac and cheese and baked goods), Dog Slinger Catering (street tacos and lemonade), Uncle Joey's Cannolis, Suzy Q's Ice Cream and Evangelical Church of Hubbardston - cotton candy.

There will be lines marked in front of the food trucks spaced six feet apart for everyone to keep social distancing.

In addition to food vendors, there will artists, crafters, direct sales and small businesses booths. People are asked to bring small bills if paying with cash so there are less

exchanges between public and vendors. Some vendors will take credit cards as well. There will be directional arrows on aisles like in stores. People should look at the items with their eyes, not touch with their hands and keep social distancing while shopping.

Kelly at Go-Green (aka The Pallet Factory) has graciously allowed people to use her parking lot after the recreation field parking lot fills up.

There will be a table with hand sanitizer to use.

When people leave, Clapham Tree will have a table by the Main Gate. Everyone can take a free tree home to plant from Keep Hubbardston Beautiful Day that was canceled due to the pandemic.

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### Town election

The town clerk announces that absentee ballots for the annual town election scheduled for Tuesday, June 30 are available. The poll will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and is located at the Hubbardston Center School. The new voting machine will be in operation. Due to COVID-19 No-excuse early voting by mail is allowed for all local elections. Voters that would like to request an absentee ballot may download a form on the town website. The completed form can be mailed to 7 Main Street #12 or they may drop the form in the secure drop box located outside the library basement offices. Ballots must be requested no later than noon Monday, June 29 and must be received in office no later than 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30 to be counted. If people have additional questions or concerns regarding absentee ballots, they may contact the Town Clerks office directly by email: tclerk@hubbardstonma.us or by phone: 978-928-1400, extension 202.

### Library curbside pickup

The Hubbardston Public Library, 7 Main St., began curbside pickup Monday, June 15. Only Hubbardston Public Library items are available for lending. People may check out the library website at www.hubbardstonpubliclibrary.org or the Hubbardston Public Library Facebook page for more information.

### SHINE counselor

SHINE Medicare counseling with Glen Gregory will be available by scheduling an appointment with the Hubbardston Senior Center by calling 978-928-1400, extension 211. The counseling will be conducted by phone until further notice.

### Egg delivery time

Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., Hubbardston is closed for the time being. The time for egg delivery on Fridays changed to 10 a.m. to noon. There will be no fresh produce until further notice. People may call the senior center at 978-928-1400, extension 211 with any questions.




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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

*Note: All meetings are closed to the public and will be held remotely.*

### BARRE

Cemetery Commission – June 25 at 11 a.m.  
Finance Committee – June 25 at 6:30 p.m.  
Annual Town Meeting – June 30 at 6 p.m.  
Council on Aging – July 1 at 1 p.m.  
Barre Housing Authority – July 2 at 3 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – July 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
Historical Commission – July 6 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Assessors – July 7 at 6 p.m.  
Felton Field Commission – July 7 at 6:30 p.m.  
Planning Board – July 7 at 7 p.m.  
Library Trustees – July 8 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Health – July 13 at 5 p.m.  
Water Commission – July 13 at 6:30 p.m.  
DPW Commission – July 13 at 7 p.m.  
Conservation Committee – July 14 at 7 p.m.  
Sewer Commission – July 16 at 7 p.m.  
Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 11 at 7 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Board of Health – July 2 at 6:30 p.m.  
Paige Library Trustees – July 2 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – July 6 and July 20 at 6:30 p.m.  
Gilbertville-Wheelwright Sewer Commissioners – July 6 at 6:30 p.m. and July 13 at 5:30 p.m.  
Recycling Commission – July 7 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council on Aging – July 9 at 9:30 a.m.  
Gilbertville Public Library – July 10 at 4 p.m.  
Wheelwright Water District – July 13 at 7 p.m.  
Gilbertville Water District – July 21 at 5:30 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – Aug. 9 at 9 a.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – June 25 at 7 p.m. and July 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
Annual Town Election – June 30 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Open Space Committee – June 30 and July 28 at 7 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – July 7 at 7 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Planning Board – June 25 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Health – July 2 and July 16 at 7 p.m.  
Open Space and Recreation Committee – July 7 at 6:30 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – July 7 at 7:30 p.m.  
Cemetery Commission – July 9 at 7 p.m.  
Nichewaug Inn and Academy Committee 2020 – July 13 at 6:30 p.m.  
Petersham Historic District – July 16 at 7 p.m.  
Council on Aging – Aug. 10 at 10 a.m.

### RUTLAND

Annual Town Meeting – June 27 at 4 p.m.

## Rutland has issued mandatory water ban

RUTLAND – Due to the mandate set forth from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Rutland Department of Public Works (DPW) has imposed a mandatory water ban effective immediately through Sept. 30. Outside watering is only allowed between the hours of 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. People may call the DPW at 508-886-4105 or go to [townofrutland.org](http://townofrutland.org).

## Barre Dining Center

BARRE – Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd. The following meals will be served for the week of June 29.

Meal sites are closed and there are only Meals on Wheels deliveries.

Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MON. – Chicken pesto, Red Bliss potatoes, Scandinavian vegetables, Oreos, corn muffin

TUES. – Beef fajitas, Spanish rice, black beans and corn, pineapple, pita bread

WED. – Roast pork loin with gravy, apple cornbread stuffing, roasted California blend vegetables, pears, whole wheat bread

THURS. – BBQ chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, summer corn, yogurt, marble rye bread

FRI. – Holiday observance  
No meal served

\*Diabetic friendly dessert  
\*\*Higher sodium entree

Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

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## Town hall restoration committee plans to replace lighting



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**The Community Christmas concert in the Orange Town Hall was performed with a backdrop of the Minuteman Grand Drape, recently restored by Curtains without Borders. As is evident, there are no lights on stage to light either the performers or the lovely curtain. The Town Hall Restoration Committee is working to remedy that by raising the funds.**

ORANGE – The Ruth B. Smith Auditorium in Orange's Town Hall is a work of art in itself and renovations and restoration over the past ten years have brought it back to much of its former glory. The restoration of the 1912 Minuteman Grand Drape over the past two years gave the stage a beautiful focal background, but it is hard to see because there is virtually no stage lighting.

The Town Hall Restoration Committee (THRC) planned to continue fundraising to include lighting the stage as the next phase, but has delayed in actively soliciting due to the current crisis. However, at the recent virtual meeting, committee members voted to begin the educational campaign now and to resume solicitation soon.

Many letters were sent to area businesses just as the crisis began and committee members will begin following up on those letters soon. However, the hope is that businesses will donate online, through [townoforange.org](http://townoforange.org), then clicking on epayments then Town Hall Restoration or send a check to Town of Orange, 6 Prospect Street, Orange, MA 01364, and write Stage Lighting in the memo.

Just as the Minute Tapioca Company got this all started by donating curtains to the Town in 1912, so can the many small businesses and individuals in the region help to light up the stage and the curtain, and make it possible for the stage to be used for concerts, plays, recitals, etc.

The restoration of the Minuteman curtain was com-

pleted with mostly small, individual contributions, and those will be important in this phase as well. It doesn't matter the size of the donation. It is more important that the entire community pitch in to help. Lots of small donations will get the job done, too. For more information, people may contact Deborah Kent at 978-895-9529 or Maureen Riendeau at 978-413-6867.

Bids in hand range from \$35,000 upwards and THRC has decided to aim for \$40,000 in the fundraising efforts. People and businesses may donate through [townoforange.org](http://townoforange.org), then clicking on epayments then Town Hall Restoration or send a check to Town of Orange, 6 Prospect Street, Orange, MA 01364 and write Stage Lighting in the memo.

## Historical society seeks first hand stories

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Historical Society is asking the citizens of Hardwick to write their stories of how they are coping with the Covid-19 virus. How have the closing of businesses, work places and schools affected your lives? How are you filling your time with home confinement? Have you been directly affected by the disease? The stories will be a part of the archive of the society and will give future readers an idea of how the town survived this event. Writing, photos and other memorabilia are welcome. If people have questions, they may call 413-967-4002. They

may mail their stories to the Hardwick Historical Society, P. O. Box 492, Hardwick, MA 01037 or call 413-967-4002 to arrange delivery. Since the virus is still a major part of our lives, there is no actual deadline for submission. Sept. 1 is a good target date.

### Contest

Hardwick Historical Society announces a contest for the students of all Hardwick villages. How are you spending your time with the Covid-19 virus? Are you missing seeing people in person? Have you learned something new in your time at home? What new or old activities are you doing

with your family? Write your story or tell it in pictures. The society will award prizes in writing and picture categories in two age groups: K-6 and 7-12. First prize is \$20; second is \$10; third is \$5. All entries will receive a certificate. Entries are due at the society on Aug. 16 at 2 p.m. They may be dropped off in person or mailed to P. O. Box 492, Hardwick, MA 01037. Winners will be announced on Sept. 1. All entries will become the property of the society and will be added to the historical archives in the museum's collection. For more information, people may call 413-967-4002.

## Oakham

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## STM/ATM set for June 30

The annual town meeting will be held Tuesday, June 30 at the municipal building, Barre Road. A special town meeting will be held at 6:45 p.m. prior to the annual town meeting at 7 p.m.

### Summer concerts

Concerts return for the summer on the Oakham Common from 6:30-8 p.m. The first concert featuring Nashville Blue will be held Thursday, July 9. Other concerts are The Big Random July 23, Beatles for Sale Aug. 6 and The Otters Aug. 20. People may bring a chair or blanket.

### COA summer cookout

Although the Oakham Senior Center has been closed, the Oakham Column of Aging (COA) has been quite busy during these past months working for the seniors and planning for the future. Recently the COA set up a partnership with the Oakham Fire Department and will offer the annual summer cookout Saturday, July 11 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. In keeping with the coronavirus protocols, all meals will be ordered in advance, personally prepared by the COA and professionally grilled by the fire department, packaged in a take-out containers and then will be delivered by senior center volunteers to all customers. The meals will be left by the entry doors of the homes for contactless deliveries between 11:45 a.m. and 12:35 p.m. Drivers and cooks will be wearing masks and gloves. People should plan to be at home when their meal arrives. This program has been approved by the board of health. The menu will consist of hot dog, hamburger, or cheeseburger, rolls, potato salad or macaroni salad, a vegetable, juice box, small bag of chips, a slice of watermelon and a dessert. There is no charge for this delicious take out lunch. To place an order, call Lucy at 508-882-3358 or Pauline at 508-882-5215 on or before July 3 and be sure to give choice of meat and salad. There is no charge for the lunch.

### Church services

Sunday, June 28 the Oakham Congregational Church will hold its 10 a.m. worship service. Weather permitting it will be held outside on the common. People should bring their own chair and wear a mask. If it rains, services will be inside the church. People will be directed to an entrance and will practice social distancing in the sanctuary.

### Volunteers

The board of selectmen currently seeks volunteers to serve on the board of health and finance committee. People interested should contact the Board of Selectmen's Office at 508-882-5549, extension 300 or email [ashley.sturges@oakham-ma.gov](mailto:ashley.sturges@oakham-ma.gov).

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Opinion

Column

Making hay in the sunshine

Smelling fresh cut hay as I drove by my mowed hayfield last week brought back many memories. Years ago when my husband and I had cows we cut quite a few people’s hayfields. It was a good partnership, we got hay and they got their fields mowed.

Louis and Lois Hodgkinson had a long, narrow field behind their house that we mowed and baled. Access to the field was from Hapgood Road. They were always happy to have the field mowed. In appreciation, Lois would bake us a chocolate cake. It was a delicious cake and we looked forward to it. I still picture them driving to our house with the cake. Louis drove the car and Lois held the cake.

Their hayfield like many fields had poison ivy growing along the edge. My husband, Les, said he never got poison ivy. He didn’t until the mowing machine clogged on the second swath. To make matters worse, the mower had rollers that pressed the hay to speed up the drying process. The process squeezed the oily resin, urushiol, in the poison ivy leaves all over the clogged grass. It was a hot day and he was sweating helping the already sticky resin hitch a ride on his bare arms and hands.

The man that never got poison ivy ended up with one of the worst cases. His arms and face swelled and the rash kept spreading. He ended up going to the doctors and having to take prednisone.

One time while raking a field I felt something was watching me. I looked toward the edge of the field and saw a coyote. This was back when they were not as plentiful as they are now. I’m sure it was looking to catch mice since they no longer had the tall grass to offer them protection.

The hot weather this week reminded me of the time I mowed our field with temperatures in the high 90s and lots of humidity. I lathered myself with sunscreen, put on a wide brimmed hat and placed a cold bottle of water in the compartment in front of the steering wheel on the tractor. It did not take long for the cold water to warm up. In fact, the water was hot by the time I finished mowing.

Haying is hard work. It includes hardships like equipment breakdown and an unexpected shower or thunderstorm. One of those pop up thunderstorms hit while I was heading toward the top of the highest hill in town. I felt like a sitting duck with my feet firmly planted on metal plates that covered the tractor batteries. I was very glad to reach the bottom of the hill and get off the tractor just as Les pulled into the field to pick me up in the car.



Ellenor Downer



In Past Pages

5 years ago (June 25, 2010)

Margaret W. “Peggy” Potter, formerly of Barre, celebrated her 100th birthday on Tuesday, June 16. She was born June 16, 1915. She lived in Barre many years with her late husband. The couple was married for 73 years. A 100th birthday party was held on Sunday, June 14. Fifty to sixty family members and friends attended.

The students at Quabbin Regional High School recently had the opportunity to experience “Wellness Week” sponsored by the Quabbin Strength and Conditioning program. Throughout the week, students learned how to incorporate health and wellness into their everyday lives and make healthy choices regarding nutrition, physical activity and more. Lots of activities kept the students busy throughout the week. From the “Quabbin Triathlon” to a fitness scavenger hunt, a very popular yoga class and challenge workouts had the students leaving energized and feeling great. Topics in which the students received information were nutrition, strength and conditioning, stress management, sleep, fitness, blood pressure and hydration among many others. Many thanks go out to the Quabbin Athletic Department, Quabbin Strength and Conditioning Program, Cakes By Amanda and a handful of private donors for providing raffle prizes and healthy snacks to help make the week a success.

In May 2015, Boston University awarded academic degrees to 6,100 students. Among the graduates was Brandon Ladeau of Barre, who received a Doctor of Dental Medicine in Dentistry, Magna Cum Laude.

10 years ago (July 1, 2010)

Officers of the Barre Friday Club for the 2010-2011 year are Christina O’Neil, treasurer; Lois Cooley, president; Kate Lathrop, vice president; and Sue Fullam, secretary.

Grace Morse Van Shoick graduated Summa Cum Laude from Clark University, Worcester, with high honors in psychology and honors in music on May 23, receiving a bachelor of arts. A lifelong resident of Oakham and a 2006 graduate of Quabbin Regional High School, Grace plans to work in social services and psychological research for a time before pursuing a graduate degree in psychology.

Quabbin Regional High School baseball players Anthony DeLeo and Tyler Jette are both playing American Legion baseball for North County this season. DeLeo was hitting .429 as of late last week, while Jette is coming in at .150.

25 years ago (June 29, 1995)

The white helmet still fits, and the sound of the sirens still quickens his blood, but now it’s time to move on, according to Randall Packard. As an Oakham firefighter for 28 years, the last 23 of them as

LOOK BACK  
Stone Walls - 1988



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Audrey Carter Stevens (left) and Dr. Linda Eiben are shown beside a stone wall rebuilt by Audrey across from her home, Carter-Stevens Farm, on Old Stage Road in Barre. Audrey and Dr. Eiben are now protecting Barre's stone walls, trees and cemeteries from intentional destruction as Barre's development expands. Audrey says that in particular, stone walls are sometimes demolished by tractors conducting percolation tests.

Fire Chief, Packard has stepped down, and is being succeeded by Deputy Chief Richard Howe. He plans to stay on as a call firefighter for at least a couple of years. Now he can channel his energies into running Pine Acres, the 350-site campground on the shores of Lake Dean begun by his father 35 years ago. He can also enjoy more time with his wife Denise and their three children, Corey, 15; Tessa, 11; and Jaclyn, 6, and yet still stay involved with the department that he loves.

In a touching ceremony of departure, four members of Troop 325 Girl Scouts took the momentous steps through the archway to the future and became Cadettes, while one lone Brownie crossed the balloon-brightened bridge that means advancement to Junior Girl Scouts, recently, in a wind-swept program held in back of the Petersham Center School. Under the leadership of Ann Degnan, Islay Boeri and Tally Lent, the Scouting program has continued for the past two or three years. Both the bridge over which Brandy Cooley made her journey, and the archway, were made by Paul Degnan of Barre who was on hand for special recognition from the Scouts, delivered with a warm hug from granddaughter Jennifer Degnan. Brandy’s journey found her surrounded by the fifth grade, soon to be sixth grade Scouts, who welcomed her with the special song, “Make New Friends, But Keep the Old, One is Silver and the Other Gold.”

Elly Rival has returned to her home on Valley Road after spending three weeks in Marktweitz, Germany. She was accompanied by her daughter, Rosilia Olson of Auburn, who was born there when Elly and her late husband, Raymond, were residents during his service with the United States Army. It has been 42 years since Elly left her hometown and things and people have changed dramatically, she said.

38 years ago (June 30, 1982)

Audrey Stevens of Barre was host to some four-legged celebrities recently at her farm on Old Stage Road. The celebrities were twin fillies, Biblically named after women in the Bible who had twins in their families, Rebekah and Rachael. The Morgan horse who gave birth on April 25 was Mary Belle and she stood a one in 10,000 change of having her twins survive after a week. Lorraine Flanagan of Westminster, owner of the horses, brought them to the Carter-Stevens Farm so that the horses’ legs which were very crooked at birth could get a chance to straighten them on the soft ground at Mrs. Stevens farm.

Timothy Guilbault of Barre, recently received his certification from the state for Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate. In this capacity he will be giving IV’s, performing advanced diagnostic skills and application of M.A.S.T. (anti-shock) trousers. With Tim’s certification, the Barre Rescue Squad will now have three EMT-I’s.

Fifth grade students at Ruggles Lane School in Barre always look forward to an event which usually takes place sometime toward the end of May. This year was no exception. For four days and three nights the students and their teachers went to Camp Wildwood, an Audubon Sanctuary located at Cook’s Canyon in Barre, to participate in an Environmental Education Program. The kids camp out in tents and early in the morning they roll out of their sleeping bags to days filled with fun and learning about their environment. They explore the sanctuary and the plants and wildlife living there. It’s an experience the kids never forget and the fourth graders this year know it will be their turn next year to be a part of a program that’s all about learning and fun.

Letter to The Editor

Historical society shows program diversity

The Barre Historical Society is proud to have sponsored a number of events in recent years that highlight the history of the African-American residents of Barre and on African-American history in general.

These include: “I Cannot Die But Once,” the story of Harriet Tubman and a presentation on Oney Judge Staines, George Washington’s slave, both presented by Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti, respectively in 2017 and 2018.

In addition, research historian Lucy Allen led a historical narrative tour to Prince Walker’s grave and home site last June 23. She also wrote an article on Prince Walker that was published in “American Ancestors Magazine” in the summer 2019 issue. In fact, a photograph from that walk is the cover photo of the Barre Historical Society’s Facebook page.

The Barre Historical Society looks forward to hosting another historical narrative tour to Prince Walker’s grave and home site later this summer, when we feel it is safe to hold such an outing.

W. Robert Bentley  
President Board of Directors  
Barre Historical Society

Column

Pinks are top notch fragrance-wise

Who doesn’t love the smell of lilacs, roses, peonies or hyacinths? Somewhat more understated than these, but still worthy of acclaim for their wonderful scent are a group of plants known as pinks. Identified by taxonomists as Dianthus, I have been lucky enough to grow five heirloom species of this unique genus.

The first is Sweet William, Dianthus barbatus, a cottage garden favorite, prized by florists for its tightly clustered, richly scented three-inch flower heads. It is most commonly seen in white, magenta, salmon and pretty bi-colors. Technically a biennial, Sweet William will occasionally return for a third or fourth year of bloom. More often than not, though, this plant puts all of its energy into making flowers and after it is through and its spent flowers have been removed there is very little left of the plant to overwinter. For the best chance of subsequent seasons, deadhead as soon as possible and fertilize lightly. Only interested in Sweet William as a cut flower? Sow seeds in summer and transplant in the fall for blooms next season.

Clove pink is another favorite. Dianthus carophyllus ‘Grenadin’ is the cultivar I’ve grown. The first season it impressed me with its tightly mounded spiky silver leaves, which not at all leggy. This was a mixed-seed packet, so I didn’t know what to expect color-wise. To my delight, I had three different shades of pink mini carnation-like blooms. While the flowers were sparse, only a couple of stems per plant, it was their scent that really knocked my socks off. Clove, indeed! I’ve heard that these aren’t reliably hardy in our area; we’ll have to see what I’ll be left with next

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Roberta McQuaid  
Columnist

Guest column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,  
I was a bad cat this morning and only lapped off the butter from my toast and left the rest. Missy got real upset with me and told me no toast for a few days. That’s what happens folks when I get finicky.

Missy had just come back in from outside and she was fuming and sputtering in bad language. It seemed that some critter came in the night and broke the wire that holds one of the bird feeders, tipped over the potted plant on the railing corner and dug up a couple of plants in her new urns by the driveway.

I haven’t been in her good graces this week so I better keep out of the way for a little while. I’d like to purr loudly for her and rub her legs, but I don’t think that would help today.

After calming down, Missy used her computer and then talked to one of her friends, who told her about her cat’s new trick. It seemed her husband had been fixing all their outside gardens with fertilizer and some manure. When he finished the job, he came into the kitchen for coffee and a doughnut. His favorite cat came to greet him and then suddenly started to rub his shoes and then rolled around the floor. It must have been the dirt, fertilizer or manure on his shoes that was attracting her. It’s a good thing he could discard those old shoes as he was not happy with his cat’s actions. I heard Missy say, “Thank God, Gertrude didn’t experience the same thing when my daughter cleaned out my gardens recently.”

I really didn’t know what to do that wouldn’t upset Missy today. She needs time to recover from the destruction outside. So, I’ll stretch out in the window-sill of the bedroom and keep out of her way and at the same time have a nice nap in the sunshine.

Take care folks as you never know what will happen each day.

Love,  
Gertrude



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# Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

It is another hot and humid week. The fans and air conditioner has been a lifeline. I run out and water the potted plants and the roses. Hopefully, the rest of the garden will survive.

I have been spending too much time watching television. The news is so distressing. I have been working on some crocheting and penny rug mats while I sit.

Because of the heat wave, I always think of salads for lunch. Here is one I plan to make when I can get the ingredients.

**LIMELIGHT SALAD**

- 1 3 oz. package lime gelatin
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup crushed pineapple and juice
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup cut cherries
- 1 cup Cool Whip or whipped cream

Add 1 cup boiling water to gelatin and stir until dissolved; set aside until thick. Whip gela-

tin and sour cream with electric mixer at high speed until frothy. Add remaining ingredients, folding gently. Put into mold. Chill until set. Garnish with a Cool Whip or whipped cream and halved Maraschino cherries.

Note: Apple chunks, chopped nuts and carrots may be substituted or added to the recipe.

**This and That**

The yard is colorful with lots of the Knock Out roses in bloom. The dogwood, weigelia and deutezia shrubs are in full bloom. The tomato plants in the planter are forming small tomatoes so it won't be long before we have tomatoes.

I received some nice head lettuce from the Hubbardston Senior Center that was donated by a farmer, who lives on Williamsville Road. Seniors really appreciate his donations. I also had some delicious asparagus from his garden. I got eggs and some groceries from the senior center on Friday. Every bit helps and I use everything I get.

Ken rinsed off both the cars the other day. The pollen has been heavy this year.

Creatures are still taking down the bird feeders and hummingbird feeders. I suppose they have to eat and drink also. We have a nest of phoebes under the eaves of the deck. It is interesting to watch the mother and father feed the little ones. The father sits on a bench and watches the mother feed the birds. Each time I go out the door to the deck, she flies away.

I have been running the humidifier in the basement and when I empty it I water some part of the flower gardens. It is surprising how much water you get in a day.

I heard there was a crowd at Rietta Ranch last week. I don't really dare to go yet. I really miss my Sunday visit.

I'm still wearing a mask if I go to the grocery store, post office or bank. Stay safe and do the same. Times are dangerous. Keep on smiling though.

# In My Backyard by Ellenor Downer

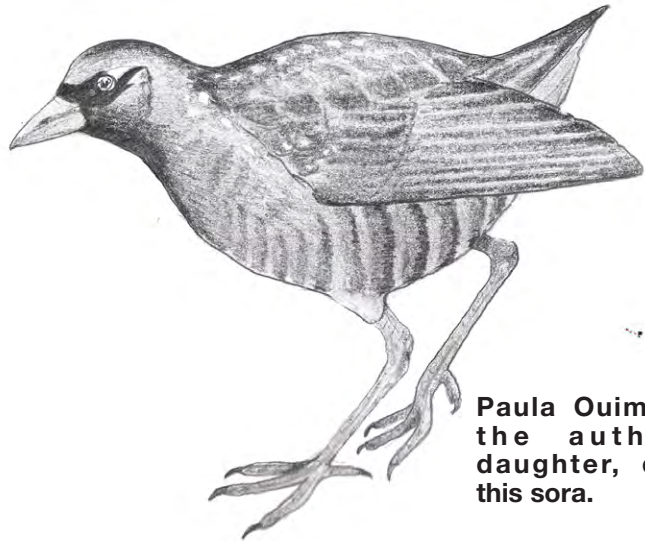
Massachusetts Audubon Society listed a sighting of a sora at the Athol Treatment plant. Two soras were seen at Bolton Flats.

The sora is a small chicken like bird about 9 inches long. It has a brown back with white streaks. The belly is gray with dark barring. The head and throat are black and the bill yellow. Its body is compressed laterally like other rails and it may help the sora move about its reedy environment.

It feeds both in the water and on the ground, eating aquatic insects and weed seeds. It inhabits salt and freshwater marshes and wet meadows. The female lays six to 18 buff eggs with dark marks in a saucer shaped nest of dead cattail leaves, reeds and sedges attached to surrounding plant stems a few inches about water. Sudden noise near the breeding ground may start the birds calling. A common call is a plaintive ascending "puweee, puweee. The sora also gives a call, which sounds like a descending whinny that slows down near the end. They migrate south usually leaving on the night of first frost.

**Other bird sightings**

Other bird sightings reported to the Massachusetts Audubon Society were seven semipalmated plovers, two pectoral sandpipers and two least bitterns at Bolton Flats, a Bonaparte gull in Westborough and two grasshopper sparrows in Lancaster. A yellow-headed blackbird was seen



Paula Ouimette, the author's daughter, drew this sora.

at Plum Island, an American white pelican at Wilett Pond in Wendell and a brown pelican in Plymouth.

**Bird experience**

A Barre resident saw a woodpecker fledgling fall into his pond. He went to get his net to rescue it, but he didn't have to. The bird flapped its wings and swam to shore. He helped it out of the water and let it dry off in the sun before returning it to the area near where it fell into the pond.

**Geese and goslings**

I saw a large group of Canada geese and goslings in a field in New Braintree. It was a least two families as one group of goslings were older than the other.

**Birds at the feeders**

I find I'm filling my two nec-

tar feeders every two or three days. I have a downy woodpecker that comes to the nectar feeder as well as the ruby throated hummingbirds. I also have a red squirrel that has a sweet tooth. The nectar level goes down quickly when the squirrel visits the feeder.

I continue to have cardinals, blue jays, grackles, red-winged blackbirds, catbirds, as well as red-bellied woodpeckers, downy woodpeckers, downy woodpeckers, black-capped chickadees, white-breasted nuthatches and an occasional sparrow.

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# Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from Barre. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, June 29. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Dick Clark, Stephen Craven and Barbara Kempinski correctly identified the photo. Last week's photo was a view of Long Pond from Fisherman Way in Rutland.

## BARRE ELECTION, continued from page 1

tion, with 403 votes (252 precinct 1 and 151 precinct 2) for a three-year term as Felton Field Commissioner; Justin C. Pollard with 382 votes (236 precinct 1 and 146 precinct 2) for a one-year term as Felton Field

Commissioner; Dona L. Lapati with 395 votes (247 precinct 1 and 148 precinct 2) and Susan C. Twarog with 377 votes (233 precinct 1 and 144 precinct 2), both candidates for re-election to two three-year positions to library trustees; Elisha S. Musgraves with 375 votes (234 precinct 1 and 144 precinct 2) for

one-year term to planning board; Susan E. LaRose with 390 votes (245 precinct 1 and 145 precinct 2) to two-year term to planning board and David H. Marsh, candidate for re-election, with 388 votes (234 precinct 1 and 154 precinct 2) for three-year term to Quabbin Regional School Committee.

## HUBBARDSTON ELECTION, continued from page 1

Voters will elect positions to the board of selectmen, board of assessors, planning board five-year term, planning board one-year term, two positions for three-year terms to board of health, three-year term to Quabbin Regional School District Committee, three-year term finance committee, one-year term finance committee, three-year term cemetery commission, two positions for three-year terms to trustees of public library, two positions for three-year terms park commissioner and one-year term park commissioner. All candidates are unopposed on the ballot.

Candidates include: Kathryn V. Young, 86 Ragged Hill Road for three-year term board of selectmen; Albert Afonso, 33 High St., candidate for re-election, three year term board of assessors and Alice

K. Livdahl, 96 Mt. Jefferson, candidate for re-election, five-year term planning board, John A. DeMalia Jr., 243 Gardner Road, one-year term planning board and Colleen Mary Higgins, 9 Gardner Road and Judith L. O'Donnell, 18 Morgan Road, for two positions to three-year terms to board of health. Debra A. Chamberlain, 7 Laurel St, candidate for re-election, three-year term to Quabbin Regional School District Committee and Maria D. Tourigny, 40 Streeter Road, one-year term to finance committee. Charles E. Reed, 16 Streeter Road, candidate for re-election, for one of two position three-year term to finance committee. The other position is blank on the ballot, but voters may try to elect write-in candidate. Other candidates are Raven B. Kaldera, 12 Simond Hill Road, candidate for re-election, three-year term cemetery commission and Eric A. Gemborys, 56B Brigham St., one-year term park

commissioner. Josephine Amato, 9 Penobscott Avenue, candidate for re-election and Krista Fischelis Goguen, 17 Seminole Avenue, for two positions to three-year terms trustees of public library. Sanda L. Barry, 1 Nestlewood Lane and David R. Sacramone, 96 Hale Road, both candidates for re-election for two positions for three-year terms park commissioners.

In addition, there is one question on the ballot seeking debt exclusion for repairs and replacement of the Hubbardston Center School roof. The question reads, "Shall the town of Hubbardston be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½ so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to repair and replace the Hubbardston Center School roof located at 8 Elm St.?"

Voters will act on a warrant article at the annual town meeting Tuesday, June 23 to raise the funds by taxation for the roof.

## 2020 Turley Election Policy

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businesses this year. All application fees and any donations for this year's race will support the operational needs of the library as well as the Library

Scholarship Fund. Any raffle prize donations received will be distributed on a random basis.

For additional information on this event, interested runners/walkers or donors can contact Mark Wigler, race director at 978-928-

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# Appreciation for today’s angels

**By Carole Garipey**

Angels are spiritual beings who carry out God’s work. They are kind, gentle and protective guardians. They are portrayed as human bodies with wings and a halo and comfort us in times of trouble. Mary saw the angel Gabriel who came to her to announce she would give birth to God’s son Jesus. Today many of us, especially we seniors, are seeing angels, not ones with wings and a halo, but ones who are kind, gentle and protective of us in this time of trouble.

Some forecasters predicted that the Coronavirus could wipe out the senior population. And death reports indicated that could come true. Warnings. Stay home. Be safe. How do you stay home and be safe if you don’t go out to get your groceries and medications?

Angels, human angels reached out to protect the senior generation. Do these angels like to do extra errands at the grocery store, the bank, the post office, the pharmacy? Not really. Many of them are busy working from home or at essential jobs. Do they feel safe in public wearing a mask and gloves? No, they know the miniscule molecules of the virus may

penetrate their masks or get on their clothing. Do they like waiting in long lines for window transactions at the bank and pharmacy? No, they are used to quickly going into the place of business, doing their errand and leaving. Is the trip to the transfer station a quick easy stop to dispose of rubbish? No, it’s another tedious long wait in line for your turn, and then when you finally get to the place to drop off your trash you feel hurried to find the right place to deposit the recyclables because you don’t want to keep others waiting any longer than necessary. Everything is a reminder of how suddenly life has changed. One person said, “It feels like we’re living in a police state with all the regimentation and controls ... but it is good to see that the state and federal governments passed laws that require safe procedures.” With all the extra time and effort it takes, are these angels sorry they volunteered to do errands for seniors? No. That’s the one thing they wouldn’t change. They care. They know how much they are needed and it’s fulfilling to be needed.

Gerry and I have an angel in our lives, our younger friend Karen. When the shutdown started in March, she told us, “You need to stay home. I will do your shop-

ping.” She knew we didn’t have family members living nearby who could do errands for us. With both of us in our 80s and Gerry recently finishing chemotherapy treatments, I gratefully accepted expecting it would be only for a week or two. I emailed my grocery list to her and she delivered them to the trunk of our car in the garage where I picked them up and brought them into the house.

We always took it for granted that we’d be able to get every item on our shopping list. There were never empty shelves in our grocery stores. Things like that only happened in third world countries. Not anymore. We too began to experience shortages. The virus made us appreciate what the suppliers could provide. Unpacking the bags of groceries began to feel like Christmas. My thoughts were Wow, they had pasta this week! They had tomato soup, rice, flour, even toilet paper. Who would ever have expected there would be so much joy in getting the common everyday items that were always available in abundance?

As much as I am thankful that we have a guardian angel keeping us safe, a part of me feels I am missing out in experiencing a page of history. I don’t see the people

lined up six feet apart to enter the store, I don’t see the arrows marking the one-way aisles, I don’t see the plastic shields on the counters separating the customers from the postal workers, I don’t wait in line to do my banking, I don’t wear a mask and gloves. The only precaution I have to take is to wipe down the cans and packages as I put them away. I am missing a big piece of history, but know it’s a good piece for us to miss.

Now here it is more than two months later and Karen is still faithfully doing our errands and she has a busy demanding job. I know she has to be as concerned as everyone is about the risk she is taking when she goes to a public place and she has to be frustrated about the increased time errands take, but she continues to do them just as cheerfully as she did the first week.

People feel their best when they are doing something that helps someone or society. Today’s angels are valuable, and they make the ones they serve feel valued. They are another category of Frontline people in our lives.

“We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.”

— John F. Kennedy



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**Karen Perkins is shown delivering groceries.**

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home valued at \$280,000, it would cost about \$45 more in taxes per year. For 15 years, the interest would be \$400,000 with a payment of \$110,000 per year. For the average household, it would amount to \$60 per year increase in taxes. To borrow the \$1.3 million for 10 years, interest would be \$300,000 with a yearly payment of \$150,000. The cost for the average household would be \$87 per year. The tax impact is based on the Department of Revenue (DOR) impact calculator. This information would be included in the finance committee voter advisory.

McLane said borrowing for ten years rather than 20 years would lower interest by \$200,000.

**Budget transfers**

The board of selectmen and the finance committee members voted to transfer \$5,000 from the ambulance account to fire truck repair to cover the cost of repairing Fire Engine 2.

They also approved a transfer from the reserve fund of \$7,500 to cover the mandated school water tank inspection. It left \$800 in the reserve fund.

**Country Hen Scholarships**

Nikita Guinan and Kelsey Dowd were the recipients of the Country Hen Scholarships of \$500 each. Chair Galante introduced each recipient. Nikita Guinan will attend Bosse College in Kentucky and Kelsey Dowd, Mount Wachusett Community College.

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spring. One rule of thumb about overwintering clove pink and most silver-leaved plants: they hate wet feet and love alkaline soil. Provide good drainage throughout the year and a dusting of lime each spring. Planting along the edge of a rock garden would be ideal.

Dianthus gratianopolitanus is a mouthful for a plant better known as cheddar pink. The first year from seed is a tease. You'll settle for a few quarter-sized fragrant pink to dark pink blooms. By mid-June of year number two, however, the plant will be at least a foot to 15 inches wide by eight inches tall with flowers too numerous to count. Each individual floret is composed of five flat petals that get a bit deeper in tone near the center and tatter somewhat at the edge. Curly stamens popping up in the middle add to the interest. Although it may be tempting to take hedge shears and lop off all the spent flowers at once, don't do it! Better to cut each stem back to a point of new growth, time consuming as it may be. Your plant will look better and might even reward you with a few more flowers later in the season.

Pheasant-eye or cottage pink, Dianthus plumarius, is less behaved than its cousins. The silver foliage has a tendency bend and grow in funny, rambling angles, making it a great candidate for draping over the edge of a raised border or rock wall. The flowers are less prolific than cheddar pink but similar in appearance except that they have an even more pronounced, dark eye, hence its name. I've seen them in white, light pink and deep pink, each with a magenta center and the same tattered petals and wonderful scent.

The last pretty pink I'll mention today is Dianthus superbus, fringed or superb pink. It differs from clove, cheddar and pheasant eye in that its foliage is green and less spiky, more grass-like. And while the others top off under a foot, fringed pink grows two feet tall or taller. Because of this, it will require staking: simple "pea brush" is usually enough support. Pink or purple flowers are, you guessed it, deeply fringed, giving them a very delicate appearance that is best admired (and sniffed!) up close. Like the others mentioned here, these are also wonderfully fragrant.

Many of these Dianthus varieties are available by seed through J.L. Hudson, Seedsman (jludsonseeds.net). Plants are easy to grow, best started off the heat in late February.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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Quabbin's Mary Jean LaPierre watches as her shot sails over the net.



Quabbin's Becky Norcross in action against Doherty.



Panther Katie Jablonski returns a volley from a Doherty opponent during last year's semifinal round.



File photos

Panther captain Delaney Gillis connects for a shot against Doherty.

## Looking back

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School girls tennis team made it all the way to the semifinals of the Central Mass. team tournament. The Panthers, unfortunately, did not get an opportunity to make another run at the tournament this year due to the pandemic.

## TMC postpones MaxPreps use this fall

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REGION – With COVID-19 completely cancelling out the Spring 2020 season for all high school sports, there has been little opportunity to continue working at integrating new changes set for the upcoming school year and next.

One of those changes has been postponed for the upcoming fall season.

In late February, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's member schools voted to go to a state-wide tournament. The majority vote took place Feb. 28 and uprooted a tournament Western Massachusetts was used to having for many years.

Further, the "Walker" system, a ranking system formula utilized in Western Mass. as well as some Central Mass. sports, was scrapped in favor of MaxPreps, a CBS-sponsored website that tracks schedules, rosters, results and playing statistics. MaxPreps also has a proprietary rankings system that would have been utilized to determine playoff seeds for the new state tournament.

Many have questioned whether or not the system was fair, especially considering the diversity of the schools in Western Mass., the main reasons the Walker system was created.

Now, the MIAA's Tournament Management Committee has voted to postpone the use of the MaxPreps ranking system for at least the 2020 fall season. As a result, Western and some Central Mass. sports will utilize the Walker system to rank teams for sectional tournaments. Eastern Mass. schools typically rank by overall record with tiebreakers for similar records.

The MaxPreps site will still be used to input scores for the entire school year and then MaxPreps will be used for all aspects of the tournament as the statewide tournament is set to begin in the 2021-2022 school year.

There was a movement at the TMC's June 18 online meeting not to use MaxPreps for the entire school year, but that motion was defeated. The body, which had 12 members present, voted unanimously to postpone it for just the fall.

The fall season was not in question when the coronavirus pandemic first started in March. But as the situation developed, upcoming seasons has come into question because of the extended need to control large gatherings, the continued need for masks, and the idea that life cannot truly return to normal until a vaccine is created. That could take until sometime next year.

The use of MaxPreps as a unifying system is reliant on the coaches

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## Senior athletes features wrapping up

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The Turley Publications sports department will soon be wrapping up its features on senior spring athletes.

If you have not seen your senior or their sport featured, we encouraged you to send photos and info on your son or daughter, and encourage you to contact their coach to speak with us.

We have reached out to spring coaches and athletic directors, but are still trying to collect info on every team that would have been involved in this spring's season.

We hope to also publish action photos of seniors from previous seasons, though parents and coaches are encouraged to send photos of seniors they would like to see published in the upcoming editions of the paper.

All submissions can be made to Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at sports@turley.com. In the subject line, please identify the school and sport you are writing in about. Senior athletes are also encouraged to write in to talk about the season that wasn't.

## NECBL alums drafted by MLB teams

NORTH ADAMS – Despite the 2020 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft being shortened to five rounds due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL) saw eight of its alumni selected during the two-day event followed by nearly 20 others inking free agent contracts in the days that followed.

The Newport Gulls boasted five of the eight NECBL alumni who had their name called over the course of the draft, including 2019 outfielder Hudson Haskin (Tulane) going 39th overall in the second round. Meanwhile, Jared Schuster (Wake Forest), who played in the New England League in 2018 with the New Bedford Bay Sox, kept the NECBL's strong reputation of first-

round selections intact after being picked by the Atlanta Braves with the 25th overall pick; the south-paw is the 29th all-time NECBL alumnus to earn a first-round draft curtain call.

In addition to Newport's five draft selections, as well as New Bedford's representation through Schuster, NECBL organizations Upper Valley and Vermont also had one alumnus drafted each, as the Nighthawks saw 2018 right-hander Levi Thomas (Troy) go in the fourth round (109th overall) to the San Diego Padres, while the Mountaineers' 2019 NECBL All-Star, righty Ryan Murphy (Le Moyne), went in the fifth round (144th overall).

At the conclusion of the draft, another 17 NECBL alumni span-

ning each of the last three seasons signed free agent contracts with a variety of MLB franchises. In total, nine of the league's 13 active organizations from the 2019 campaign had at least one alumnus either drafted or sign as a free agent highlighted by the Gulls' seven such honorees, while Mystic led the way with five free agent signees.

"Given the circumstances and the adversity that not only our league but each and every summer collegiate baseball league has had to endure this season, we could not be more proud of each and every one of our alumni that were either drafted or signed as free agents after this past weekend," NECBL Commissioner Sean McGrath stated. "No doubt will we continue to see more familiar faces do simi-

larly in the days and weeks ahead, but regardless, I am so thrilled for all the young men who have been rewarded for their hard work and dedication not only during their time in the New England League but throughout their collegiate careers, both on the diamond and in the classroom. The best of luck to each of them as they pursue the first chapter of what will hopefully be long professional baseball careers!"

A league-high four players either were drafted or signed by the Baltimore Orioles, while three had their name called by the Seattle Mariners and two apiece went to the San Francisco Giants, Toronto Blue Jays and defending World Series champion Washington Nationals.

## T-Birds celebrated growth during 2019-2020 season

SPRINGFIELD – Today, the American Hockey League announced that the Springfield Thunderbirds have been named the league's Ticket Sales Department of the Year and also recognized the franchise for achieving 15% growth in group ticket revenue for the 2019-2020 season.

"We are truly proud to receive this award from the AHL. Ticket sales growth is only possible through the hard work of our sales team and the commitment of our fan base. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to our staff and our community for continuing

to support us through this season and beyond," said Nathan Costa, President of the Thunderbirds.

The T-Bird's fourth season saw a continued upward trajectory for the franchise, which is a product of the team's ongoing commitment to fan and community engagement. This year, the T-Birds ranked second in the AHL in year over year growth in both total revenue and total tickets sales. The team placed in the Top 5 in year over year growth across all ticket categories: total sales, full season tickets, group sales, partial plans, and individual ticket sales.

Since the team's inception in 2016, they have achieved a staggering 87% growth in ticket revenue. This past season, they celebrated a new milestone of over 1,000 full season ticket members, achieved eight sellouts, and averaged 5,262 fans per game. This marked the team's second straight year with over 5,000 average attendance.

The announcement was made as part of the month-long 2020 AHL Team Business Spring Series. The 2020 AHL Team Business Spring Series, running May 19 through June 19, is a pro-

gram of online presentations and discussions being hosted by the league's Team Business Services department. Team and league front-office personnel from throughout the American Hockey League meet each offseason to discuss best practices and innovative ideas in several areas, including ticket sales, corporate sales and marketing.

For more information or to become a 2020-2021 Springfield Thunderbirds ticket member, call (413) 739-GOAL (4625) or visit www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com.

## Valley Wheel Baseball tryouts ongoing

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. Players turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch. The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of weekday

games thrown in the mix as well as a special Mother's Day Saturday game in early May. Due to the current circumstances, the league schedule has been pushed back. The league still plans to play its season once bans on gatherings are lifted. League tryouts are June 28 with a possible additional tryout scheduled. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a

good time with friends. If interested in trying out, go to www.valleywheel-baseball.com. The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site. For further information, you can contact the league's commissioner, Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net or call him at (413) 433-4308. New players are still needed for the abbreviated season

## Quabbin League hoping for mid-July start

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for 2020 season. The league has six teams, several with open roster spots. Last year, the league voted to allow players age 28 and 29 to be able to join the league, though players under 30 are not eligible to pitch. The cost of the league

this season is \$192.

For returning and new players, sign-ups have been placed on hold until a determination has been made on the season going forward. Sign-ups should resume soon.

Based on the governor's re-open plan, the league is aiming for a start to the season in

mid-July with a modified schedule. Games are nine innings and metal (BBCOR -3) or wood bats are allowed. Fields locations are throughout Western Mass.

For more information on the league, or if you are interested in registering, go to <https://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org/>. The league is also on Facebook.

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# Education

## MWCC holds 55th commencement QCC receives National Science Foundation Grant for new program

GARDNER – Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC) celebrated the academic achievements of its graduates during the college's 55th commencement, held virtually via live stream, on May 20.

Seven hundred twenty seven students graduated with 564 associate degrees and 208 certificates conferred.

Local 2020 graduates receiving associates degrees were: Katelyn M. Barry, Markilynn Fair, Ryan Q. Gabbett, Alyssa L. Holmes, Joseph Hood, Daniel P. Jewell, Natalie J. Martone, Nicholas Mortell, Allison Hope Rivard, Abby Veloza, all of Barre; Toni Annette Diaz of Gilbertville; Caitlyn A. Lima, Jamie Beth Perez and Jonathan R. Raskett, all of Hardwick; Maxx William Begin, Stephanie Caisse, Richard F. Caron, Nicholas J. Chambers, Alisha M. Elbourn, Monika Gale, Joshua R. Macomber, Faith Marcinkiewicz and Jerry A. Whaland, all of Hubbardston; Joel A. Clark of North Brookfield; Colin Desrosiers of Oakham; Sage W. Floyd-Hathaway, Meaghan A. George, Dylan Hatch and Peter Tattan, all of Petersham and Matthew David Gates, Emma Elizabeth Grimes, Leah K. Hassett, Margaret M. Kirrane, Sara Eloise Lacy, Tayler E. MacAyeal, Jonathan Charles Maki, Holly E. Poissot and Sarah A. Shell, all of Rutland.

Local students receiving certificates were: Caitlyn A. Lima of Hardwick; Stephanie Caisse, Monika Gale, Kristyn L. Hanifin and Brian David Nally, all of Hubbardston; Craig Hames, Sara R. LeBel and Lisa A. McKay, all of North Brookfield and Alyssa Bianchi of Rutland.

WORCESTER – Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) was recently awarded a \$298,108 National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant for a new Robotics Technician Certificate program. The program will be designed to offer a curriculum that supports technical communication, teaches problem-solving skills and offers a strong integration of industry-recognized certifications. Underrepresented QCC student populations that participate in QCC's existing robotics community outreach programs will directly benefit from the program. Additionally, other beneficiaries targeted include 400 pre-college and undergraduate students, who have demonstrated interest in robotics technology.

Robotics education is not a new concept at QCC. It is already a part of the college's manufacturing and mechatronics programs. According to Jacob Longacre, associate professor of electronics engineering technology at QCC, the new Robotics Technician Certificate will be based on input from industries within the region, as well as local high schools and four-year institution educators. The hope is for the new certificate program to act as a conduit between K-12 robotics outreach programs.

"We want to be sensitive to industries' needs, how things are changing and bring more of that interest and need to the program," Longacre said.

While QCC faculty and staff have already begun reaching out to industry leaders, the grant

funding will now enable QCC to formally begin a comprehensive fact-finding process. This summer, QCC will establish a local business and industry leadership team for robotics, to identify and prioritize the skills desired by local employers. The goal is to have the pilot program tested and in place within three years.

One key component to the program is finding ways in which to engage and inspire students in the world of STEM, particularly those students in middle and high school. For many years QCC has been involved with the VEX Robotics programs. These programs and competitions target high school and middle school students, in an effort to increase interest in STEM from an early age.

"These programs expand students interest in STEM and connects those students who may not have these types of technology opportunities," Longacre said. "We want our certificate program to get these students excited and interested in robotics."

"The awarding of this NSF Grant enables us to develop new career pathways for students," said QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja. "We must teach not only for today's industry needs, but also teach to the needs of the future. I believe this program will be a gateway to self-sufficiency for many students."

For more information about QCC, people may contact Josh Martin, director of institutional communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.

### College President's and Dean's Lists

#### MWCC announces president's and dean's list

GARDNER – Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC) announces the spring 2020 president's and dean's lists for the spring 2020 semester. Students who complete a minimum of 12 semester hours are eligible for the lists. The president's list requires a 4.0 grade point average and the dean's list requires a 3.0 to 3.99 grade point average.

Local students making president's list are: Holly Perry of Gilbertville; Rebecca Cronin, Joshua Macomber and Faith Marcinkiewicz, all of Hubbardston; Laurie Boutin of Oakham and Dylan Hatch of Petersham.

Local students making dean's list are: Matthew Frappier, Keianna Lackey, Natalie Martone, Robert Milkman, Allison Rivard and Abby Veloza, all of Barre; Jonathan Raskett of Hardwick; Charlotte Hobby, Anna Kate Kinnear, Brian Nally and Alexandra Ramos, all of Hubbardston; Kourtney

Furtado of New Braintree; Colin Desrosiers of Oakham; Will Peredina and Peter Tattan, both of Petersham and Jack Moore and Holly Poissot, both of Rutland.

#### URI announces dean's list

KINGSTON, R.I. – The University of Rhode Island (URI) announces the spring 2020 dean's list.

Local students making dean's list are: Sarah Barry of Hubbardston, Brigid Griffin of Rutland, Emily Haz of Rutland, Emily Mitko of Barre, Rebecca Norcross of Hubbardston, Mackenzie Paradis of Barre, Zach Rutherford of Rutland and Lynnea Talbot of North Brookfield.

To be included on the dean's list, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

#### Jonathan Rathbun makes dean's honor list

CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Cedarville University student Jonathan Rathbun of Hubbardston, majoring in management, was named to the dean's honor list for spring 2020. This recognition required Rathbun to maintain a 3.75 GPA and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

#### Curry College announces dean's list

MILTON — Curry College congratulates roughly 1,000 students, who were named to the spring 2020 dean's list. To earn a place on the list, full-time undergraduate students, those who carry 12 or more graded credits per semester, must earn a 3.3 grade-point-average (GPA) or higher.

Local students making the spring dean's list are: Lilly Thacker of North Brookfield, a nursing major and Amber White of Barre, a nursing major.

#### Rachel Rathbun of Hubbardston makes dean's list

CEDARVILLE, OHIO — Rachel Rathbun of Hubbardston, was named to the Cedarville University dean's list for spring 2020. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.5 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

#### Emily Ducharme makes dean's list

WEST HAVEN, CONN. – Emily Ducharme of North Brookfield, a student in the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of New Haven has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2020.

Ducharme is working on Bachelor of Science in nutrition and dietetics.

The University of New Haven, founded on the Yale campus in 1920, is a private, coeducational university situated on the coast of southern New England.

### Norwich University lists graduates

NORTHFIELD, VERMONT – Norwich University announced local graduates received degrees May 2.

Jackson R. Allyn of Rutland received a Bachelor of Science Cum Laude in computer security – information.

Braiden P. Cipro of Rutland received a Bachelor of Arts Magna Cum Laude in criminal justice.

James Gretz Bateman of Rutland received a Bachelor of Science in environmental science.

Lucas C. Smith of Rutland received a Bachelor of Science in exercise science.

Due to concerns related to COVID-19, the 2020 ceremony was postponed. Details regarding a rescheduled event will be conveyed to graduates and their families as soon as they are available. Norwich University President Emeritus Richard W. Schneider, one of the nation's longest seated university leaders who retired on May 31 after serving at the helm for 28 years, will deliver the Commencement address to the Class of 2020.

The Class of 2020 is comprised of 173 civilian students and 299 students in the Corps of Cadets.

### Bar association offers scholarships to law school students

The Hampden County Bar Association is proud to offer two scholarships for law school students.

Applications for the Colonel Archer B. Battista Veterans Scholarship are now available to any Veteran entering or already attending law school in New England for the 2020-2021 academic year. The scholarship is based on merit and financial need. All applications must be submitted by Wednesday, July 15.

For more information, people may visit the Hampden County Bar Association website or email Caitlin@hcbar.org.

Please click here for the application.

### Miya Cohen earns degree from Connecticut College

NEW LONDON, CONN. – Miya Tamid Cohen of Hubbardston earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Connecticut College May 29. Cohen majored in economics.

The 427 members of Connecticut College's Class of 2020 were celebrated during a special live event on Sunday, May 17; the day seniors were originally scheduled to participate in their in-person Commencement. The college's 102nd Commencement is now scheduled for Sunday, May 30, 2021.

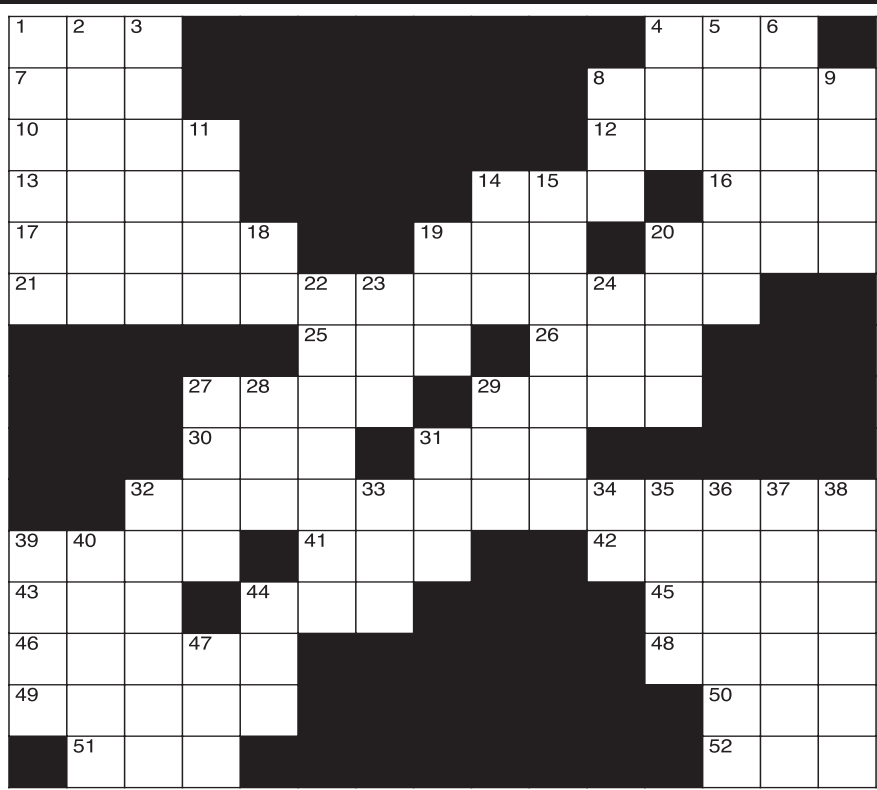
The live event featured remarks by President Katherine Bergeron and special guests, along with videos featuring clips and memories from class seniors and congratulatory messages from faculty and staff. During the live event, Patrick Awuah, founding president of Ashesi University, Connecticut College's partner college in Berekuso, Ghana, shared a poem, "Trough," by Judy Brown. He will serve as the keynote speaker for the class at their official Commencement in 2021, alongside class speaker Viridiana Villalva Salas '20, a Posse scholar and English major pursuing a teaching certificate in secondary education. Founded in 1911, Connecticut College is a highly selective private liberal college located on a 750-acre arboretum campus overlooking Long Island Sound and the Thames River.

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and athletic directors making sure scores and statistics are entered into the website in a timely manner.

There are still multiple steps to go before a full 32-team (in most cases) state tournament is implemented. The PVIAC is also still looking to develop an alternative to the departing Western Mass. tournament. The hope is when meetings are able to resume on a more regular basis, those discussions will be able to continue in a productive manner.

Schedules have been set by athletic directors for the fall season, however, it remains to be seen what guidance the state will issue as it relates to athletic contests. It also remains to be seen how high school athletics will adjust to state guidance on classroom time, which may be partially remote this fall.



- CLUES ACROSS**

  - Protects from weather
  - Superhigh frequency
  - Southern constellation
  - Swines
  - Self-righteously moralistic person
  - United Arab Emirates city
  - Surinam toad
  - Sign language
  - Tattoo (slang)
  - Makes level
  - Sun up in New York
  - It must be scratched
  - Where people live
  - Swiss river
  - Buddy
  - One of two equal parts of a
- divisible whole

  - Shrek is one
  - Egyptian unit of weight
  - Fiddler crabs
  - Carroll
  - O'Connor's TV wife
  - No longer having life
  - Former OSS
  - A way to emit sound
  - Mandela's party
  - Adult female chicken
  - U. of Miami's mascot
  - Southeastern Chinese people
  - Casino game
  - Amos Alonzo \_\_\_\_
  - US football coach
  - Joint connecting two pipes at right
- angles

  - Will Ferrell film
  - River in NE Scotland
- CLUES DOWN**

  - Occur
  - Show up
  - Capital of Taiwan
  - Former French coin
  - Some are bad
  - Monetary unit
  - Package (abbr.)
  - Indian religious person
  - Crew
  - Antidiuretic hormone
  - Makeshift
  - Baseball box score stat
  - Make a mistake
  - Not moving
  - Even distribution
- of weight

  - Clumsy person
  - Paddle
  - Worked the soil
  - Alias
  - Plant cultivated in Peru
  - Side-blotched lizards genus
  - Wild dog
  - Immoral act
  - Pound
  - Manning and Lilly are two
  - Put on the shelf for now
  - Baltimore ballplayer
  - Cuddle
  - Dashes
  - Related on the mother's side
  - Witch
  - Kilogram force (abbr.)

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# Obituaries

## DEATH NOTICES

**Cirelli, Peter J.**  
Died June 15, 2020  
Celebration of Life  
at a later date  
Pillsbury Funeral Home

**Scott, Jesse C.**  
Died June 22, 2020  
Services will be private  
Witty's Funeral Home

### Peter J. Cirelli, 71

BARRE/SPRING HILL, FL. — Peter J. Cirelli, 71, of Don Loop, Spring Hill, Florida, loving husband and brother passed away June 15, 2020 in Largo Medical Center in Largo, Florida. Peter was born on Dec. 18, 1948 in Ware, Mass. to Peter A. and Kathryn (Dombrowa) Cirelli. He attended Barre High School, Greenfield Vocational High School and Fitchburg State College where he received his vocational teaching certification. On April 24, 1971, he married Diane G. Glidden of Barre. They resided on Loring Road in Barre for 45 years before moving to Florida full-time in 2016. They had no children.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Diane of Spring Hill, Florida; his brother, Matthew of Barre; two brothers-in-law, John E. Glidden of Bradenton, FL. and Howard E. Glidden, Jr. of Sarasota, FL.; an uncle and aunt, John and Joan Cirelli of Barre; several cousins; five nieces; three nephews; 11 great-nieces and six great-nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Peter and his mother Kathryn.

Peter worked for 12 years as a printer including owning and operating Village Graphics in Barre Plains until taking a position as graphic arts



instructor and subsequent graphic communications department head at Wm. J. Dean Technical High School in Holyoke in 1980. Peter taught at Dean until his retirement in 2009. He also worked as a part-time police officer with the Barre Police Department for 23 years. Peter was a devoted public servant both as a teacher and as a police officer.

Peter had a passion for traveling in his motorhome and belonged to numerous RV clubs in New England and Florida. He was a current member of FMCA, Good Sam, the Aripeca Elks Lodge and a past member of the Barre Sportsman's Club. He enjoyed building and flying R/C airplanes and shooting at the local gun range. He also loved going on walks with his many friends in the neighborhood and playtime at the local dog park with his little Westie, Logan. Peter was known as a quiet, caring and humorous person, who had many, many friends.

There will be no funeral service or calling hours per his request. A celebration of his life may be scheduled at a later date. Donations in his memory may be to the American Heart Association. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre.

### Jesse C. Scott, 50

BARRE — Jesse C. Scott, 50, of Williamsville Road, died on Monday, June 22, 2020 at the University of Massachusetts Memorial Healthcare Campus in Worcester following an illness, with loved ones at his side.

Born in Ware on April 19, 1970, he was a son of the late Milton C. and Carol (Adam) Scott and grew up in Petersham and graduated from Montachusett Regional Vocational School in Fitchburg.

On July 17, 2005, Jesse married Priscilla (Mills) and they have enjoyed close to 15 years of marriage.

A bus driver for many years, Jesse drove for AA Transportation and R.J. McCarthy. Jesse had also worked with his father for years taking care of cemeteries in Barre and Petersham.



Jesse enjoyed spending time with his family and friends as well as shooting, doing mechanical work and he loved his dogs. Jesse also enjoyed CB radio and his handle was "Gravedigger."

Jesse is survived by his loving wife, Priscilla Scott of Barre; a stepson, Jonathan Ela of Warren; a brother, Cy Scott and his wife, Lynn, of Petersham; a sister, Holly Scott and several nieces and nephews.

Jesse was predeceased by his mother in 1991 and his father in 2019. There are no calling hours. The family will have a private service.

Witty's Funeral Home, 158 South Main Street, Orange, is assisting the family.

You may offer your sympathy online at WWW.WITTYFUNERALHOME.COM.

## Baystate Health announces new visitor guidelines

SPRINGFIELD — As Massachusetts continues its re-opening process and begins to lift restrictions on businesses and healthcare organizations, Baystate Health is announcing, effective Monday, June 15, new inpatient and outpatient visitor guidelines.

"We are eager to welcome back visitors and to create a more healing environment for all with policies that are necessary to protect the health and safety of our patients and staff," said Nancy Shendell-Falik, RN, MA, president of Baystate Medical Center and vice president of operations for Baystate Health.

Visitation hours are daily from noon to 8 p.m.

Non-COVID patients at Baystate Medical Center, Baystate Noble Hospital, Baystate Wing Hospital and Baystate Franklin Medical Center are allowed one visitor at a time in the hospital. Obstetrics patients who are in labor can have one birthing partner or one visitor.

Baystate Children's Hospital will now allow one parent/guardian or one visitor at a time (only one person will be allowed in the patient's room at a time).

No visitors are allowed for COVID patients at all hospitals, except:

Patients under the age of 18 are allowed one parent or guardian.

Obstetrics patients who are in labor are allowed one birthing partner.

Hospice patients and end-of-life patients are allowed one person or one clergy member per day.

Intellectually/physically disabled patients are allowed one companion.

Visitors will not be permitted in common areas such as waiting rooms, cafeterias or gift shops and must travel directly to and from the patient's room when entering and leaving the hospital.

For patients attending outpatient appointments or visiting outpatient practices, no companions are allowed except:

One parent/guardian for a patient 18-years-old or younger.

One caretaker for a completely dependent patient.

All visitation is at the discretion of Baystate Health.

For the latest information on visitor guidelines, people may visit baystatehealth.org/visitors.

## Barre Gazette OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$100, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

# Churches

## Local pastor offers sermon

*Note:* The Barre Gazette staff reached out to area churches if they would provide sermons during the Coronavirus pandemic. Any pastor, priest or rabbi wishing to participate may email either barrenews@turley.com or edowner@turley.com.

### The Benefits of Being His

Scripture is clear that there are costs associated with following Christ. Consider the words of Christ Himself on the matter (Matt. 16:24, NIV): "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'" This is precisely why Jesus told us to count the cost before signing on to serve Him as Lord.

Luke 14:27-33  
27 . . . whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

28 Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? 29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, 30 saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

31 Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. 33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Is there cost in following

Him? Absolutely. I would be lying if I told you otherwise. Yet I would be remiss if I failed to note that there is also benefit in being His. In the weeks to come, it will be my privilege to delineate some of the privileges afforded to those who are in Christ by faith. In this opening session, I want to keep things rather short and simple—in the way of introduction. So let's jump right in.

Psalm 103 is one of my favorite psalms. Penned by David (a man who had walked with God for many years), it is an ode to the wonders of belonging to Him. Please take a moment to read it in its entirety. Read it thoughtfully, slowly and prayerfully.

#### Psalm 103

1 Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

2 Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

4 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

7 He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

8 The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

9 He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

12 as far as the east is from

the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

13 As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

14 for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

15 The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field;

16 the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

17 But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—

18 with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

19 The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

20 Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

21 Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

22 Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

#### Praise the Lord, my soul.

Note that Psalm 103 opens with a call to praise the Lord. Specifically, the author—David—is calling himself to celebrate the Lord. I love that David challenges himself to praise God with every fiber of his being (v. 1): "Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name."

But why? Why does David believe it so essential for him to praise God? The answer is found in the latter portion of verse 2: "Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits." In other words, David was moved to praise upon the consideration of all that was afforded to him

through relationship with God. In fact, the rest of the poem is a laundry list of the benefits that connection with God provides (e.g., forgiveness, healing, redemption, elevation, satisfaction, etc.).

It is only at the end of Psalm 103 that David moves beyond calling himself to praise, calling the whole of creation to praise God.

#### Psalm 103:20-22

20 Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

21 Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

22 Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

#### Praise the Lord, my soul.

Have you given serious thought to the benefits of being His? Are you aware of the unique and wondrous privileges afforded you by grace through faith? If not, spend some time in this psalm. Let it inform you, impact you, and—ultimately—move you to passionate praise.

In the weeks to follow, I want to spend some time addressing a handful of specific benefits that become ours in Christ. Note the alliteration, as it is a helpful tool for memorization and remembrance. In Christ we receive the benefit of: 1) Pardon, 2) Peace, 3) Pleasure, 4) Protection, 5) Provision, 6) Purpose, 7) Power, 8) Promise.

May the Lord bless you throughout this week and beyond! Please feel free to visit us in person or connect with us online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org). God bless you and we hope to see you soon.

**Pastor James Foley**

*New Life Assembly of God Barre*

## Red Cross offers virtual care for families

REGION - The American Red Cross of Massachusetts is launching a Virtual Family Assistance Center to support families struggling with loss and grief due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Families and organizations in need can use this link to access a support hub with special virtual programs, information, referrals and support services. The hub will also connect people to other community resources provided by the Red Cross of Massachusetts and other

partners. Those without internet access can call 833-492-0094 for help.

"Losing a loved one due to COVID-19 is devastating," said Holly Grant, Massachusetts Regional Chief Executive Officer. "Not only have these families experienced the unexpected passing of a loved one, but they are also facing additional challenges caused by this public health emergency. We want them to know that the Red Cross is here to provide compassion and support as they

grieve."

Many families have experienced a disrupted bereavement and grief process due to restrictions related to COVID-19. To help, the Red Cross has set up a virtual team of specially trained mental health, spiritual care and health services volunteers who are:

- Connecting with families over the phone to offer condolences, support and access to resources that may be available
- Providing support for virtual memorial services for families

ilies, including connecting with local faith-based community partners

- Hosting online classes to foster resilience and facilitate coping skills

- Sharing information and referrals to state and local agencies as well as other community organizations including legal resources for estate, custody, immigration or other issues

All Family Assistance Center support will be provided virtually and is completely confidential and free of charge.

## Public Notices

**Invitation to Bid  
Town of Hardwick,  
Massachusetts  
FY 2021 Low Sulfur  
Diesel Fuel, #2 Heating  
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Equipment Service and  
Gasoline**

The Hardwick Board of Selectmen as awarding authority, invites sealed bids for the procurement of the following goods and services:

- Item 1. Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel - Highway Department
- Item 2. #2 Heating Oil All Public Buildings
- Item 3. Propane Gas
- Item 4. Heating Equipment Service Rates

Item 5. Gasoline  
Bid specifications are available on the towns' website [www.townofhardwick.com](http://www.townofhardwick.com) or by request via email at [admin@townofhardwick.com](mailto:admin@townofhardwick.com)

Sealed bids plainly marked, for road materials and/or the items listed above will be received at the office of the Town Administrator, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, Massachusetts, 01031 **until 4:00 P.M. on Monday, Monday July 13, 2020**

Bids will be opened and publicly read at the Selectmen's Meeting held at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street,

Gilbertville, MA on **Monday July 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM.**

**Please note, the meeting may be held remotely/virtually if the current ban of social gathering has not been lifted by the Governor prior to this meeting. Information on how to attend the remote/virtual meeting will be posted on the Town's website in advance of said meeting.**

Bids may be mailed or delivered to the Town Administrator's Office, Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, P.O. Box 575, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

The Town of Hardwick reserves the right to reject any and all bids deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town.

Kenan P. Young, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen  
Town of Hardwick  
6/25, 7/2/2020

### BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC MEETING

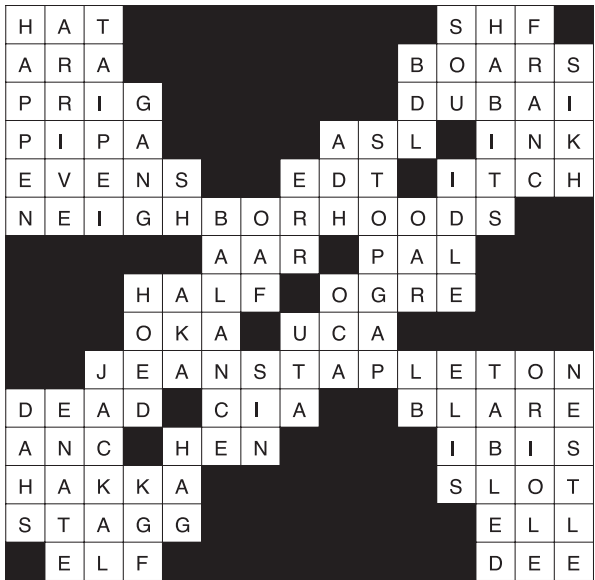
The Barre Planning Board will hold a Virtual Public Hearing via Zoom on **Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** requested by Christopher Patrick Higgins and Ronald Carr Higgins for High Hawk Farm LLC, a Marijuana Outdoor

Cultivator Facility, to be located at 101 Daunt Road, Assessors Map D, Lot 32, per the Code of the Town of Barre, Chapter 140-11.2, E. (3) (b). For public access to the Hearing ID and Password will be located at [www.townofbarre.com](http://www.townofbarre.com) or [www.mytowngovernment.org](http://www.mytowngovernment.org).

All persons who wish to comment should submit comments to The Barre Planning Board at [barre-boards@townofbarre.com](mailto:barre-boards@townofbarre.com) prior to the Public Hearing.

**Douglas Martin**  
Chairman

6/18, 6/25/2020



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# Public Safety

## Hubbardston Police Log

<p><b>Sunday, June 14</b></p> <p>7:15 a.m. Officer Initiated Main Street – Transported to Hospital</p> <p>8:13 a.m. 911 Transfer Adams Road – Call Transferred</p> <p>9:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Worcester Road – No Fire Service Necessary</p> <p>10:45 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Midstate Trail – Confirmed Misdial</p> <p>9:18 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Ragged Hill Road – Area Patrolled</p>	<p>Madison Way – Transported to Hospital</p>	<p><b>Friday, June 19</b></p> <p>8:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Burnshirt Road – Area Search Negative</p> <p>8:35 p.m. Fire, Illegal Burn Williamsville Road – No Fire Service Necessary</p> <p>9:16 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Old Westminster Road – Area Search Negative</p>
<p><b>Monday, June 15</b></p> <p>7:28 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Adams Road – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>9:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, June 17</b></p> <p>3:20 a.m. Suspicious Activity Worcester Road – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>4:54 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Gardner Road – Referred to Other Agency</p> <p>5:32 a.m. Fire, Motor Vehicle New Templeton Road – Vehicle Towed</p> <p>10:15 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Old Princeton Road – Confirmed Misdial</p> <p>12:21 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Worcester Road – No Action Required</p> <p>3:19 p.m. Alarm, Residential Dogwood South Road – Area Patrolled</p> <p>4:48 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Plum Tree Lane – Ambulance Signed Refusal</p> <p>7:21 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Gardner Road – Transported to Hospital</p>	<p><b>Saturday, June 20</b></p> <p>7:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident New Templeton Road – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>2:01 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency New Westminster Road – Transported to Hospital</p> <p>2:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Main Street – Report Filed</p> <p>7:42 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Mayo Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal</p> <p>8:28 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Upper Intervale Road – Investigation (Ongoing)</p> <p>11:02 p.m. Suspicious Person Briarwood Road – Officer Spoke to Party</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, June 16</b></p> <p>5:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Williamsville Road – Citation Issued</p> <p>5:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Gardner Road – Verbal Warning</p> <p>8:05 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency</p>	<p><b>Thursday, June 18</b></p> <p>10:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious New Templeton Road – Officer Spoke to Party</p>	

## Oakham Police Log

<p><b>Wednesday, June 17</b></p> <p>11:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled North Brookfield Road – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>5:22 p.m. Fraud South Road – Officer Advised</p>	<p>Hill Drive – Party Departed Without Incident</p> <p>9:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued</p>	<p><b>Saturday, June 20</b></p> <p>12:51 a.m. Alarm, Residential Old Turnpike Road – Referred to Other Agency</p> <p>10:29 a.m. Vandalism Spencer Road – Report Filed</p> <p>10:38 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Crawford Road – Information Taken</p>
<p><b>Thursday, June 18</b></p> <p>7:14 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Flint Road – Referred to Other Agency</p> <p>9:01 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Crawford Road – Information Taken</p> <p>11:02 a.m. Suspicious Activity Forest</p>	<p><b>Friday, June 19</b></p> <p>9:18 a.m. Alarm, Residential Bechan Road – Building Checked/Secured</p> <p>2:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Brookfield Road – Citation Issued</p> <p>4:56 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Flint Road – Services Rendered</p>	<p><b>Sunday, June 21</b></p> <p>12:23 a.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Bechan Road – Area Search Negative</p>

## Hardwick Police Log

<p><b>Monday, June 8</b></p> <p>12:02 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Lane – Transported to Hospital</p> <p>1:44 p.m. Phone – Forgery/Fraud Jackson Road – Report Taken</p>	<p>Prospect Street – Spoken To</p> <p>7:58 p.m. 911 – Disturbance North Street – Transported to Hospital</p> <p>11:29 p.m. Phone – Medical Emergency Church Lane – Transported to Hospital</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, June 17</b></p> <p>8:59 a.m. 911 – 911/Hang-up Call Barre Road – Spoken To</p> <p>10:49 a.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Highland Terrace – Dispatch Handled</p> <p>1:58 p.m. 911 – 911/Hang-up Call Fiske Road – Officer Handled</p> <p>8:35 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Upper Church Street – Services Rendered</p> <p>8:54 p.m. 911 – 911/Hang-up Call Bridge Street – Transported to Hospital</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, June 9</b></p> <p>3:36 a.m. Phone – Welfare Check Hardwick Road – Transported to Hospital</p>	<p><b>Saturday, June 13</b></p> <p>2:45 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency North Road – Transported to Hospital</p> <p>5:19 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Czesky Road – Transported to Hospital</p>	<p><b>Thursday, June 18</b></p> <p>11:41 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Hardwick Road – Officer Handled</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, June 10</b></p> <p>9:15 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital</p> <p>9:48 a.m. 911 – Animal Call Greenwich Road – Services Rendered</p> <p>2:21 p.m. Initiated – Larceny/Theft/ Shoplifting Patrill Hollow Road – Officer Handled</p> <p>2:34 p.m. 911 – 911/Hang-up Call Hardwick Road – Officer Handled</p> <p>2:59 p.m. Initiated – Trespass Lower Road – Spoken To</p> <p>9:35 p.m. 911 – Motor Vehicle Accident Jackson Road – Arrest(s) Made</p>	<p>For the week of June 15-22, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department conducted 72 building/property checks, 8 radar assignments, 12 motor vehicle stops, 10 directed/area patrols, 7 traffic controls, 11 emergency 911 calls, 2 community policing, 1 complaint/motor vehicle operation, 2 parking complaints, 2 animal calls and 3 assist other agency, in the town of Hardwick.</p>	<p><b>Friday, June 19</b></p> <p>10:15 a.m. Phone – Fire Alarm Church Lange – False Alarm</p> <p>9:14 p.m. 911 – Complaint Bridge Street – Officer Handled</p> <p>11:02 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Pine Street – Negative Contact</p>
<p><b>Thursday, June 11</b></p> <p>6:21 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency North Road – Transported to Hospital</p> <p>9:30 a.m. 911 – 911 Misdial Prouty Road – Dispatch Handled</p> <p>10:02 a.m. Phone – Medical Emergency Main Street – Services Rendered</p> <p>12:30 p.m. 911 – Complaint Church Lane – Officer Handled</p> <p>5:04 p.m. 911 – Motor Vehicle Accident With Injury Prouty Road – Transported to Hospital</p> <p>8:10 p.m. 911 – Neighbor Dispute Hardwick Road – Investigated</p>	<p><b>Monday, June 15</b></p> <p>12:09 p.m. 911 – Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations Barre Road – Negative Contact</p> <p>3:03 p.m. Phone – Parking Complaint Bridge Street – Officer Handled</p> <p>4:07 p.m. Phone – Animal Call North Road – Removed Hazard</p> <p>11:45 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Vehicle Towed</p>	<p><b>Sunday, June 21</b></p> <p>10:47 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Shunpike Road – Written Warning</p> <p>11:04 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Shunpike Road – Citation Issued</p> <p>11:33 a.m. Phone – 911/Hang-up Call Barre Road – Unfounded</p> <p>12:41 p.m. 911 – Safety Hazard Turkey Street – Removed Hazard</p> <p>4 p.m. Initiated – Harassment Main Street – Spoken To</p> <p>5:54 p.m. 911 – Complaint Greenwich Road – Investigated</p> <p>7:29 p.m. 911 – Animal Call North Road – Negative Contact</p>
<p><b>Friday, June 12</b></p> <p>11:56 a.m. 911 – 911/Hang-up Call</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, June 16</b></p> <p>9:06 a.m. Phone – Parking Complaint Bridge Street – Spoken To</p> <p>4:56 p.m. Initiated – Property Damage Prouty Road – Could Not Located</p> <p>5 p.m. Other – Larceny/Theft/ Shoplifting Lower Road – Officer Handled</p> <p>8:43 p.m. Phone – Disturbance Bridge Street – Officer Handled</p>	

## New Braintree Police Log

<p><b>Monday, June 8</b></p> <p>10:55 a.m. Phone –Safety Hazard Oakham Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency</p> <p>9:19 p.m. Phone – Complaint Rail Trail – Spoken To</p>	<p>Vehicle Operations Bernard Whitney Road – Officer Handled</p> <p>9:59 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Bernard Whitney Road – Citation Issued</p>	<p>Hardwick Road – Call Cancelled</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, June 10</b></p> <p>3:44 p.m. Initiated – Animal Call Prouty Road – Services Rendered</p>	<p><b>Sunday, June 14</b></p> <p>7:20 a.m. 911 – Lockout Pierce Road – Services Rendered</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, June 17</b></p> <p>12:45 a.m. 911 – 911/Hang-up Call Dennis Whitney Road – Services Rendered</p> <p>8:41 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning</p> <p>9:26 a.m. 911 – 911 Misdial West Brookfield Road – Dispatch Handled</p> <p>3:21 p.m. 911 – 911/Hang-up Call Oakham Road – Services Rendered</p>
<p><b>Friday, June 12</b></p> <p>4:03 p.m. 911 – 911 Misdial Sibley Road – Investigated</p>	<p>For the week of June 15-22, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department conducted 33 building/property checks, 9 radar assignments, 3 motor vehicle stops, 25 directed/area patrols, 4 traffic controls, 4 emergency 911 calls, 1 community policing, 2 scams, 1 forgery/fraud, 3 LTC/FID, 1 complaint/motor vehicle operation and 1 lockout in the town of New Braintree.</p>	<p><b>Thursday, June 18</b></p> <p>1:57 p.m. Phone – Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations Hardwick Road – Unfounded</p> <p>2:42 p.m. Phone – Scam West Brookfield Road – Officer Handled</p> <p>3:23 p.m. Phone – Scam Gilbertville Road – Spoken To</p>
<p><b>Saturday, June 13</b></p> <p>8:21 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Citation Issued</p> <p>12:08 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued</p> <p>1:47 p.m. Phone – Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations Dennis Whitney Road – Negative Contact</p> <p>2:29 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Barre Road – Transported to Hospital</p> <p>7:37 p.m. Phone – Complaint/Motor</p>	<p><b>Monday, June 15</b></p> <p>6:58 p.m. Initiated – Community Policing Barre Road – Spoken To</p>	<p><b>Friday, June 19</b></p> <p>10:27 a.m. Phone – Forgery/Fraud Bernard Whitney Road – Spoken To</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, June 16</b></p> <p>8:29 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency</p>		

## Barre Police Log

<p><b>Sunday, June 14</b></p> <p>8:01 a.m. Suspicious Activity Sunrise Avenue – Officer Advised</p> <p>8:31 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Fir Street – Negative Contact</p> <p>10:32 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Cut Off Road – Transported to Hospital</p>	<p>Ambulance Signed Refusal</p> <p>5:31 p.m. Assault West Street – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>Summons: Shane A. Taylor, 44, Barre</p> <p>Assault and Battery; Disorderly Conduct</p> <p>8:34 p.m. Suspicious Activity Peach Street – Area Search Negative</p> <p>11:53 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency West Street – Transported to Hospital</p>	<p>Street – Fire Extinguished</p> <p>3:58 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Old Coldbrook Road – Gone on Arrival</p> <p>5:02 p.m. Alarm, Commercial Williamsville Road – Building Checked/ Secured</p> <p>9:18 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Murphy Road – Area Search Negative</p>
<p><b>Monday, June 15</b></p> <p>6:59 a.m. Fraud Washburn Road – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>9:56 a.m. Fraud High Street North – Services Rendered</p> <p>11:47 a.m. Fraud Cutler Road – Information Taken</p> <p>1:56 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency South Street – Transported to Hospital</p>	<p><b>Thursday, June 18</b></p> <p>10:09 a.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Trafalgar Square – Area Search Negative</p> <p>11:16 a.m. Threats South Street – Report Filed</p> <p>1:25 p.m. Fraud South Barre Road – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>2:28 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Vernon Avenue – Transported to Hospital</p> <p>5:16 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Peach Street – Unfounded</p> <p>5:58 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Trafalgar Square – Unfounded</p> <p>11:54 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Ruggles Lane – Public Assist</p>	<p><b>Saturday, June 20</b></p> <p>12:52 a.m. Open Door/Window Valley Road – Building Checked/ Secured</p> <p>10:33 a.m. Disturbance, Person James Street – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>1:43 p.m. Suspicious Activity Stetson Road – Negative Contact</p> <p>5:18 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Hancock Road – Transported to Hospital</p> <p>11:59 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Old Coldbrook Road – Transported to Hospital</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, June 16</b></p> <p>3:03 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/ Silent Allen Hill Road – Negative Contact</p> <p>3:56 p.m. Identity Theft South Street – Officer Advised</p>	<p><b>Friday, June 19</b></p> <p>12 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Hancock Road – Officer Advised</p> <p>12:31 a.m. Suspicious Person Vernon Avenue – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>2:14 a.m. Fire, Illegal Burn Oak</p>	<p><b>SOUTH BARRE</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, June 14</b></p> <p>11:58 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Vernon Avenue – Confirmed Misdial</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, June 17</b></p> <p>1:47 a.m. Alarm, Commercial Summer Street – False/Accidental/ Defective Alarm</p> <p>4:38 a.m. Alarm, Commercial Wheelwright Road – False/Accidental/ Defective Alarm</p> <p>10:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Worcester Road – No Action Required</p> <p>2:16 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint High Street South – Officer Advised</p> <p>2:23 p.m. Assault Oak Street –</p>		

## Petersham Police Log

<p><b>Friday, May 1</b></p> <p>6:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Hardwick Road – Officer Handled</p>	<p>Street – Citation Issued</p> <p>8:26 p.m. Safety Hazard Rte. 32A – Unknown Outcome</p> <p>8:27 p.m. Safety Hazard Hardwick Road – Unknown Outcome</p> <p>8:29 p.m. Safety Hazard Old Barre Road – Merge</p> <p>8:32 p.m. Safety Hazard Old Barre Road – Services Rendered</p> <p>8:45 p.m. Safety Hazard Rte. 32A – Unknown Outcome</p> <p>10:10 p.m. Safety Hazard Flat Rock Road – Unknown Outcome</p> <p>10:24 p.m. Safety Hazard Carter Pond Road – Removed Hazard</p> <p>10:51 p.m. Safety Hazard South Street – Taken/Referred to Other Agency</p>	<p>2:28 p.m. Missing Person Out of Town – Unknown Outcome</p> <p>7:20 p.m. Animal Call West Road – Services Rendered</p>
<p><b>Saturday, May 2</b></p> <p>11:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident New Athol Road – Transferred Call to C1</p>	<p><b>Monday, May 4</b></p> <p>6:17 p.m. Neighbor Dispute Nelson Road – Negative Contact</p>	<p><b>Sunday, May 24</b></p> <p>1:30 p.m. Medical Emergency North Main Street – Transported to Hospital</p> <p>7:05 p.m. Neighbor Dispute Nichewaug Road – Officer Handled</p>
<p><b>Monday, May 4</b></p> <p>6:17 p.m. Neighbor Dispute Nelson Road – Negative Contact</p>	<p><b>Friday, May 8</b></p> <p>9:55 a.m. 911/Hang-up Call North Main Street – Spoken To</p> <p>6:51 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations Leighton Road – Negative Contact</p>	<p><b>Monday, May 25</b></p> <p>11:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Citation Issued</p> <p>12:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Main Street – Written Warning</p> <p>12:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Fire Alarm North Main Street – Investigated</p>
<p><b>Saturday, May 9</b></p> <p>5:55 p.m. Medical Emergency East Street – Transported to Hospital</p>	<p><b>Sunday, May 10</b></p> <p>9:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Citation Issued</p> <p>1:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Citation Issued</p> <p>2:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Shaw Road – Citation Issued</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, May 12</b></p> <p>3:17 p.m. Medical Emergency Carberry Road – Transported to Hospital</p>
<p><b>Monday, May 11</b></p> <p>5:19 a.m. Medical Emergency South Street – Transported to Hospital</p> <p>10:14 a.m. 911 Misdial North Main Street – Spoken To</p> <p>3:03 p.m. Suspicious Activity South Main Street – Services Rendered</p> <p>5:02 p.m. Complaint Nelson Road – Spoken To</p>	<p><b>Saturday, May 16</b></p> <p>8:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation North Main Street – Officer Handled</p> <p>10:12 a.m. Medical Emergency West Street – Transported to Hospital</p>	<p><b>Thursday, May 28</b></p> <p>9:28 a.m. 911 Misdial South Main Street – Checked/Secured</p> <p>12:22 p.m. Unattended Death West Road – Officer Handled</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, May 12</b></p> <p>3:17 p.m. Medical Emergency Carberry Road – Transported to Hospital</p>	<p><b>Friday, May 15</b></p> <p>1:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East</p>	<p><b>Friday, May 29</b></p> <p>10:23 a.m. 911/Hang-up Call North Main Street – Unfounded</p> <p>1:41 p.m. 911 Misdial North Main Street – Spoken To</p>
<p><b>Friday, May 15</b></p> <p>1:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East</p>	<p><b>Saturday, May 23</b></p> <p>10:40 a.m. Safety Hazard Dugway Road – Services Rendered</p> <p>1:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop New Salem Road – Written Warning</p> <p>1:53 p.m. Complaint Barre Road – Services Rendered</p>	<p><b>Saturday, May 30</b></p> <p>10:16 a.m. Animal Call New Salem Road – Investigated</p>
<p><b>Sunday, June 14</b></p> <p>9:56 a.m. Alarm, Residential Wildbrook Drive – Building Checked/ Secured</p> <p>10:28 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Locke Road – Information Taken</p> <p>12:59 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Campbell Tower – Information Taken</p> <p>3:02 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Ridge Road – Transported to Hospital</p>	<p><b>Monday, June 15</b></p> <p>8:44 a.m. Fraud Crestview Drive – Report Filed</p> <p>11:34 a.m. Suspicious Activity Prospect Street – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>11:37 a.m. Trespassing Sassawanna Road – Report Filed</p> <p>12:36 p.m. Fraud Jackson Avenue – Report Filed</p> <p>1:56 p.m. Disturbance, Person Maple Avenue – Investigated</p> <p>2:15 p.m. Fraud Blueberry Lane – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>3:16 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Campbell Tower – Information Taken</p> <p>3:21 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Jamie Ann Drive – Peace Restored</p> <p>4:24 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Paxton – Referred to Other Agency</p> <p>7:28 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent East County Road – Confirmed Misdial</p> <p>8:17 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Kenwood Drive – Transported to Hospital</p> <p>11:27 p.m. Suspicious Activity Glenwood Road – Officer Spoke to Party</p>	<p><b>Friday, June 19</b></p> <p>8:46 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Michael Drive – Confirmed Misdial</p> <p>12:35 p.m. Threats Grizzly Drive – Officer Advised</p> <p>7:55 p.m. Suspicious Activity Barre Paxton Road – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>9:07 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Miles Road – Confirmed Misdial</p> <p>10:59 p.m. Suspicious Person Bushy Lane – Party Departed Without Incident</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, June 17</b></p> <p>8:18 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Mark Circle – Transported to Hospital</p> <p>9:29 a.m. Identity Theft Jamie Ann Drive – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>4:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Written Warning</p> <p>5 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Written Warning</p> <p>5:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Written Warning</p> <p>5:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Wachusett Street – Citation Issued</p> <p>5:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Written Warning</p> <p>6:09 p.m. Fraud Maple Avenue – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>7:48 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Central Tree Road – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>10:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Written Warning</p>	<p><b>Thursday, June 18</b></p> <p>2:40 p.m. Fraud Edson Avenue – Officer Advised</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Jamie Ann Drive – Peace Restored</p> <p>3:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Pommogussett Road – Vehicle Towed</p> <p>7:02 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Miles Road – Confirmed Misdial</p> <p>8:50 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Miles Road – Confirmed Misdial</p> <p>9:22 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency River Road – Transported to Hospital</p>	<p><b>Saturday, June 20</b></p> <p>9:49 a.m. 911 Transfer Thompson Road – Call Transferred</p> <p>12:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Pommogussett Road – Report Filed</p> <p>12:31 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Rufus Putnam Drive – Confirmed Misdial</p> <p>1:08 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Miles Road – Confirmed Misdial</p> <p>3:52 p.m. Suspicious Person East Hill Road – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>7:46 p.m. Aviation Accidents Maple Avenue – No Fire Service Necessary</p> <p>8 p.m. Suspicious Person Phillips Road – Transported to Hospital</p> <p>8:25 p.m. Disturbance, Person River Road – Investigated</p> <p>8:28 p.m. Disturbance, Person Upper Intervale Road – Investigation (Ongoing)</p> <p>Summons: Mark E. Johnson, 48, Hubbardston</p> <p>Assault with Dangerous Weapon; Disorderly Conduct</p> <p>11:02 p.m. Suspicious Person Briarwood Road – Officer Spoke to Party</p>

## Rutland Police Log

<p><b>Sunday, June 14</b></p> <p>9:56 a.m. Alarm, Residential Wildbrook Drive – Building Checked/ Secured</p> <p>10:28 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Locke Road – Information Taken</p> <p>12:59 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Campbell Tower – Information Taken</p> <p>3:02 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Ridge Road – Transported to Hospital</p>	<p>7:28 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Miles Road – Officer Advised</p> <p>8:50 p.m. Fraud Maple Avenue – Report Filed</p> <p>11:52 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Lord Lane – Confirmed Misdial</p>	<p><b>Friday, June 19</b></p> <p>8:46 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Michael Drive – Confirmed Misdial</p> <p>12:35 p.m. Threats Grizzly Drive – Officer Advised</p> <p>7:55 p.m. Suspicious Activity Barre Paxton Road – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>9:07 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Miles Road – Confirmed Misdial</p> <p>10:59 p.m. Suspicious Person Bushy Lane – Party Departed Without Incident</p>
<p><b>Monday, June 15</b></p> <p>8:44 a.m. Fraud Crestview Drive – Report Filed</p> <p>11:34 a.m. Suspicious Activity Prospect Street – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>11:37 a.m. Trespassing Sassawanna Road – Report Filed</p> <p>12:36 p.m. Fraud Jackson Avenue – Report Filed</p> <p>1:56 p.m. Disturbance, Person Maple Avenue – Investigated</p> <p>2:15 p.m. Fraud Blueberry Lane – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>3:16 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Campbell Tower – Information Taken</p> <p>3:21 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Jamie Ann Drive – Peace Restored</p> <p>4:24 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Paxton – Referred to Other Agency</p> <p>7:28 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent East County Road – Confirmed Misdial</p> <p>8:17 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Kenwood Drive – Transported to Hospital</p> <p>11:27 p.m. Suspicious Activity Glenwood Road – Officer Spoke to Party</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, June 17</b></p> <p>8:18 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Mark Circle – Transported to Hospital</p> <p>9:29 a.m. Identity Theft Jamie Ann Drive – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>4:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Written Warning</p> <p>5 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Written Warning</p> <p>5:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Written Warning</p> <p>5:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Wachusett Street – Citation Issued</p> <p>5:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Written Warning</p> <p>6:09 p.m. Fraud Maple Avenue – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>7:48 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Central Tree Road – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>10:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Written Warning</p>	<p><b>Saturday, June 20</b></p> <p>9:49 a.m. 911 Transfer Thompson Road – Call Transferred</p> <p>12:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Pommogussett Road – Report Filed</p> <p>12:31 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Rufus Putnam Drive – Confirmed Misdial</p> <p>1:08 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Miles Road – Confirmed Misdial</p> <p>3:52 p.m. Suspicious Person East Hill Road – Officer Spoke to Party</p> <p>7:46 p.m. Aviation Accidents Maple Avenue – No Fire Service Necessary</p> <p>8 p.m. Suspicious Person Phillips Road – Transported to Hospital</p> <p>8:25 p.m. Disturbance, Person River Road – Investigated</p> <p>8:28 p.m. Disturbance, Person Upper Intervale Road – Investigation (Ongoing)</p> <p>Summons: Mark E. Johnson, 48, Hubbardston</p> <p>Assault with Dangerous Weapon; Disorderly Conduct</p> <p>11:02 p.m. Suspicious Person Briarwood Road – Officer Spoke to Party</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, June 16</b></p> <p>3:49 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Thornapple Circle – Report Filed</p>		

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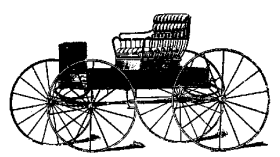
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"We are so pleased to welcome John to North Brookfield Savings Bank and to have him as a part of our team," said North Brookfield Savings Bank President and CEO Donna Boulanger. "With his strong financial background and local community roots we know his insight and contribution will benefit our customers, communi-

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